

Salute to West Point:

Marshall Sees Victory Sure



U. S. military leaders around the world voiced determination to crush the enemy and confidence in our ability to win the war speedily yesterday (NBC) in a celebration of the 141st anniversary of the founding of West Point Military Academy. Due to military reasons, Gen. Douglas MacArthur and other generals in combat areas were unable to participate.

Gen. George C. Marshall, U. S. Chief of Staff:

"Our success in this war depends, above all, on leadership. We have the best equipment, we have the finest personnel in the world. Given adequate leadership, victory is certain, and we will be spared unnecessary loss of life and avoidable delays.

"Your graduates (West Point) provide the standards for that leadership. In Australia and the Solomons, in the Far East and Cairo, in Algiers and Morocco, and in the British Isles, your graduates are furnishing the commanders of American warriors."

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Commanding General, African theater of operations, described the heroism, efficiency, and ability with which Johnnie Waters, West Pointer '31, commanded a hill above Faid Pass in Central Tunisia. He said:

"If that spirit and example are characteristic today of West Pointers in every duty to which they are assigned, then our Alma Mater is a shining symbol of that Americanism that will win this war."

Lt. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell, Commanding General, U. S. forces in Burma, India, and China:

"West Point now extends its membership to all Americans in the service and invites them all as honorary graduates to adopt the motto of the military academy: 'Duty, honor, country,' and work as one team. . . .

"It is this ability to get together and play the game, laying aside all prejudice, pride, and interest, that is the proof of American solidarity and the surest guarantee of victory."



Gen. George C. Marshall