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INFANTRY OFFICERS ADDED TO R.O.T.C. STAFF AT UNIVERSITY

Two recent graduates of the Advanced Infantry Officers' course at Ft. Benning, Ga., Capt. Rodney E. Gilbertson and Capt. Robert L. Harper, have assumed their duties as assistant professors of military science and tactics in the R.O.T.C. Dept. at Montana State University, Missoula, President Carl McFarland announced Wednesday.

Capt. Gilbertson, a native of Walla Walla, Wash., attended Washington State College before entering West Point in 1947. He was graduated from the U. S. Military Academy in 1951 and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Regular Army. During the Korean conflict he served with the 5th Regimental Combat Team from May 1952 through April 1953. His latest assignment before reporting for duty at MSU was with the 3rd Infantry Regiment at Ft. Myer, Va., which furnishes guards for the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and details for formal functions in Washington, D. C.

A graduate of the Basic Airborne and Jumpmaster School, Capt. Gilbertson wears the wings of a paratrooper. He attended the R.O.T.C. summer camp at Ft. Lewis, Wash., along with the MSU R.O.T.C. contingent this summer.

Capt. Harper is a graduate of North Georgia College in his native state. He received a commission as a second lieutenant in the Regular Army through the R.O.T.C. program at his alma mater. From May through December 1952, he served in combat with the 45th Infantry Division in Korea. He attended the Basic Airborne and Jumpmaster School and was a paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne Division at Ft. Bragg, N. C., from 1954-56.

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