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A Lt. Gen. Frank W. Milburn Memorial Fund has been established under the Montana State University Endowment Foundation, MSU President H. K. Newburn announced. The memorial to Gen. Milburn, who was closely associated with military and athletic programs at the University, will finance an annual student award, to be given for the first time at the 1963 awards convocation.

The fund was initiated with a $1,000 donation from Gen. Milburn’s widow, Elizabeth M. Milburn, Missoula, given in the names of herself and her children, Mrs. Oliver E. Griest, Ft. Monroe, Va., and Frank W. Milburn Jr., New York, N. Y.

The Endowment Foundation will invest funds contributed to the memorial and use the income for an award to an advanced ROTC cadet. First consideration in selecting the recipient will be given to an outstanding cadet who is also a letterman athlete.

In accordance with Mrs. Milburn’s wishes, the award will consist of a piece of silver, such as a bowl or tray, costing about $50. If income from the fund permits, the recipient will also be given a scholarship.

Members of the award committee are Dr. Wally Schwank, director of athletics; Harry Adams, track coach; A. C. Cogswell, dean of students; Troy F. Crowder, assistant to the president, and Newell Gough Jr. of Helena and J. Earl Miller and Harry O. Bell, both of Missoula.

"Contributions to the fund from friends and associates of Gen. Milburn should support a significant award program," Dr. Newburn commented. "I am sure that this is a most fitting memorial for Gen. Milburn, who held such an intense interest in athletics and military training. In this way his interest and influence will be felt by University students for years to come."

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Gen. Milburn, who died in Missoula in October 1962, was a professor of military science at the University from 1926 to 1931. Then a lieutenant colonel, he doubled as Grizzly football coach for five years and also coached the 1927 and 1928 Grizzly baseball teams.

After his retirement from active military duty in 1952, the much decorated soldier returned to MSU to serve for a year as director of athletics. He also served as military coordinator for the MSU Departments of Military and Air Science in 1953-54.

Gen. Milburn was graduated from the U. S. Military Academy and commissioned a second lieutenant in 1914. He served in World War I as an infantry officer. In World War II, he commanded the XXI Corps in the European Theater. During 1949 and 1950, he served both as deputy commander and acting commander of all United States forces in Europe.

During the Korean conflict, Gen. Milburn was in command of the U. S. I Corps when United Nations forces broke the "Iron Triangle." He twice served as interim commander of the U. S. Eighth Army in Korea.

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