

Sonoma State Hospital—Continued

It is to be noted that where items of additional equipment are not directly related to population increases or other work load changes, the acquisition of such items represents an improvement in the level of service. Since such items also tend to build up subsequent requirements for replacement items, a very careful evaluation of the requests for additional equipment should be made at all levels of the budget process.

This office is undertaking a spot field check of the equipment requests. Pending completion of this review we have no specific recommendations to make regarding the proposed equipment expenditures at this institution, other than the general comment that we believe that equipment requests by the Department of Mental Hygiene, as a general rule, carried insufficient justifying data to permit a sound decision as to the necessity of the individual items requested.

Farming and Processing—Production and Expenditures				
	1951-52	1952-53	1953-54	1954-55
Local production consumed.....	\$256,984	\$275,361	\$201,819	\$226,491
Surplus products sales.....	13,513	30,994	12,000	7,500
Total value of production.....	\$270,497	\$306,355	\$213,819	\$233,991
Salaries and wages.....	\$72,996	\$83,500	\$92,099	\$94,156
Operating expenses.....	124,452	131,846	115,390	116,090
Total operating costs.....	\$197,448	\$215,346	\$207,489	\$210,246
Gross operating profit.....	\$73,049	\$91,009	\$6,330	\$23,745
Equipment costs.....	3,792	6,663	4,765	6,489
Annual profit.....	\$69,257	\$84,346	\$1,565	\$17,256

MILITARY DEPARTMENT

ITEM 177 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 643
Budget line No. 36

For Support of Military Department From the General Fund

Amount requested.....	\$2,007,515
Estimated to be expended in 1953-54 Fiscal Year.....	1,984,344
Increase (1.2 percent).....	\$23,171

Summary of Increase

	Total increase	INCREASE DUE TO		Budget page	Line No.
		Work load or salary adjustments	New services		
Salaries and wages.....	\$39,343	\$39,343	---	652	9
Operating expense.....	3,889	3,889	---	652	12
Equipment.....	23,761	23,761	---	652	13
Decreased reimbursements.....	8,700	8,700	---	652	16
Total increase.....	\$23,171	\$23,171	---	652	22

RECOMMENDATIONS

Amount budgeted.....	\$2,007,515
Legislative Auditor's recommendation.....	2,007,515
Reduction.....	None

Military Department—Continued

ANALYSIS

The proposed budget request for the 1954-55 Fiscal Year for the support of the Military Department, formerly titled Office of Adjutant General, is based on the same level of service for the current fiscal year.

The only proposed new positions are 11 armory custodians to perform custodian and maintenance duties at the new armories now under construction which will be completed and ready for occupancy at staggered intervals during the 1954-55 Fiscal Year. The total amount budgeted for these positions is \$19,510. Other increases reflected in the salary and wage categories are due to salary adjustments.

Significant changes in operating expenses proposed for the 1954-55 Fiscal Year over the current fiscal year are as follows:

Adjutant General's Office		Decrease	Increase
Printing of biennial report-----		-	\$3,400
Maintenance and Operation of Installations Army			
Light, heat, power, and water due to new armories-----		-	15,690
Operation and maintenance—due to change in classification of expenditures. Charges now being made to repair to structures and facilities-----		\$15,350	-
Repairs to structures and facilities—increase due mostly to urgent repairs needed on first armories constructed-----		-	14,000
Maintenance and Operation of Installations Air			
Operation and maintenance—State's share in operation of Ontario Air Base in 1953-54. To be operated by C.A.A. in 1954-55 with no cost to State-----		5,666	-

We recommend approval of the budget as submitted.

**Department of Military
CALIFORNIA CADET CORPS**

ITEM 178 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 643
Budget line No. 20

For Support of California Cadet Corps From the General Fund

Amount requested-----	\$208,204
Estimated to be expended in 1953-54 Fiscal Year-----	201,423
Increase (3.3 percent)-----	\$6,781

Summary of Increase

	Total increase	INCREASE DUE TO		Budget page	Line No.
		Work load or salary adjustments	New services		
Salaries and wages-----	\$9,727	\$9,727	---	652	58
Operating expense-----	-1,716	-1,716	---	652	83
Equipment-----	-1,230	-1,230	---	653	14
Total increase-----	\$6,781	\$6,781	---	643	16

RECOMMENDATIONS

Amount budgeted-----	\$208,204
Legislative Auditor's recommendation-----	None
Reduction-----	\$208,204

California Cadet Corps—Continued

ANALYSIS

The California Cadet Corps is a high school and junior college military education program for the schools of the State maintained by appropriations from the General Fund. The program is designed for those schools which cannot meet federal requirements or do not desire the federally sponsored ROTC program. The program of the Cadet Corps consists of elementary military training, rifle training and summer field training encampment. Control of the Cadet Corps program rests with the local school authorities who also furnish an instructor who generally is a member of the faculty. No prescribed minimum number of cadets is required to maintain a unit of the corps in a school.

The Adjutant General of the State of California administers the California Cadet Corps program through the executive officer of the corps. The executive officer, a civil service official, directs a staff which supervises the program. Supervision is carried out by assisting the local school instructors and inspections of the schools.

The Cadet Corps furnishes its units with uniforms, rifles for drill purposes, rifles and ammunition for marksmanship instruction and instructional aids. The Cadet Corps also underwrites the cost of the annual encampment. The cost of the program depends largely upon the number of schools participating. At the end of the 1947-48 Fiscal Year there were 80 schools participating with approximately 5,000 cadets which cost the state \$125,500 for the fiscal year. The program is budgeted for Fiscal Year 1954-55 at a level of 117 schools participating with 7,000 cadets at a budgeted annual cost of \$208,200. In the last five years the Cadet Corps program has cost approximately \$854,000.

We recommend that this program be discontinued for the following reasons:

1. The value of this program from a military standpoint is questionable in view of the fact that very few men fail to receive comprehensive military training due to the "draft program." Statements issued by officials of the federal administration appear to indicate that a change of policy with regard to our National defense program is forthcoming which may include some type of training for the majority of young men.
2. The value of programs of this type in developing leadership and preparing young men for citizenship is not questioned, however there are other courses in the curriculum of our schools which are for these purposes.
3. The program has failed to attract the majority of schools which are eligible even though the State pays the entire cost. A total of 469 schools in California, including 45 that have ROTC, are eligible for the Cadet Corps training but only 110 now participate. Of the 314 schools in California which do not have a military training program of any kind, only 250 have enrollments of more than 150. The Military Department attempts to sell the cadet training to the 250 schools with over 150 pupils. The Military Department does not encourage schools with less than 150 students to participate in cadet training.