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Patrick Simpson was an exceptional example of leadership through hard work. In every endeavor of which he was a part, whether it was teaching students at Cottage Grove High School, guiding soldiers at basic training and West Point, or helping civic organizations meet the needs of their members, Patrick Simpson was driven to help others succeed by assuming leadership roles. In Eugene's chapter of the Military Officers Association of America, he held all four top offices before "retiring" to the Treasurer's position, becoming the organization's font of knowledge until he passed. Though they say that no one is irreplaceable, Patrick Simpson was the exception to the rule. In fact, when his list of responsibilities was finally written down, it took eight people to assume all his duties. Patrick Simpson rose through the Oregon education system, then gave back to the people of Oregon and the nation for the rest of his life.