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DEMOBILIZATION AND DISORGANIZATION OF BATES STUDENTS' ARMY TRAINING CORPS

RESUME OF ITS EXISTENCE, FURNISHED BY THE COMMANDING OFFICER

Specific instructions have been received under date of November 26, 1918, from the Adjutant General of the Army directing the Students' Army Training Corps at Bates College to disorganize and demobilize at as early a date as possible.

Immediately following these instructions Second Lieutenant Plimpton Gupitil, Infantry, U. S. A., the officially appointed Personnel Adjutant of the command received telegraphic instructions directing him to proceed at once to report to the Rogers Building, Boston, Mass., at district headquarters for a two-day course in Discharge Paper-Work School. The preparation of records and papers in the matter of the discharge of the men was launched on Nov. 26, and is now well under way. The exact date of actual discharge of the men of the command is not definite, the same being dependent upon the completion of the records and papers in question.

On or about the fifteenth of September last the Commanding Officer while on duty with the United States Training Detachment (since the organization of the Students' Army Training Corps units in the respective colleges, designated as Vocational Section B of the Students' Army Training Corps) at the University of Maine, Orono, Maine, received his orders from the Adjutant General of the Army releasing him from duty with that detachment and directing him to proceed without delay to Bates College, Lewiston, Maine for duty as Commanding Officer and Acting Quartermaster of the Students' Army Training Corps unit of that institution.

Pursuant to instructions he proceeded to his new station to take up his duties, arriving on the seventeenth day of September. He was most cordially received by the president of the institution and his daughter. The first few days were spent in looking over the terrain which was destined to be the theater of operations for the "Bates" Army and the "Bates" Navy, which were soon to be mobilized under the direction of the War Department estimating the situation and arriving at such decisions as were necessary in connection with the initial organization. The indefiniteness in the mind of the Commanding Officer as to what the future might bring forth to him in his undertaking was at once alleviated by the influence of the home-like and cheery atmosphere about the college and the beauty and splendor of the campus as presented to him, clothed in its varied colored foliage, that first autumn day. That and the cordiality extended to him, the warm welcome he received, and the distinctive courtesies, from the hands of the president and his daughter during the first week while he was a guest in their home convinced him that the relations between the military to be and the academic which had so long prevailed were to be most cooperative and pleasant.

The work in preparation for the establishment of a branch of this new and unique organization to be known as the Students' Army Training Corps was at once started. What were the changes to be made? What buildings were to accommodate the army and navy? What were the alterations to be made to meet the requirements of the government in connection with the housing, subsistence and instruction of the soldiers to be? Would the college dormitories provide an adequate number of square feet of floor space and an adequate number of cubic feet of air space per man, based upon the estimated number of men to be inducted into the Unit, and to the requirements of the War Dept.? How could men be quartered and made comfortable and warm with the then existing equipment of the college until the government equipment should be received? What

were to be the necessary mess facilities in order to furnish the proper subsistence to the men; and what additional facilities were necessary in connection with the existing mess accommodations? What buildings or portions of those buildings should be enlisted personnel and the commissioned personnel of the army occupy, and what disposition should be made of the civilian personnel of the college? Was the water supply and the drainage system, the heating, lighting and air facilities adequate to meet the requirements of the government? Where should the headquarters of the unit be established? What should be the program for the opening day of the unit, the arrangement of the college curricula and the outline of the military schedule? What traditions and long-standing precedents of Bates College must fade into oblivion by reason of the introduction of this strange order of things into the quiet, reserved, systematic and stable life of the institution? These and many others not enumerated were the innumerable and important questions to be solved in the initial establishment

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MEN RETURN TO BATES FROM CAMP LEE

SEVEN OF TWELVE SENT ARE BACK

Bates was surprised and pleased to receive back from Camp Lee last week her first contingent. This first allotment left the day the armistice was signed, with the prospects of a brief stay. However, a trip to Virginia with free transportation is not to be scorned and certainly was not by these fellows. They left in charge of a sergeant and traveled directly to Camp Lee. All members of these advance forces of the Bates Army were assigned to the same company and were issued uniforms, guns and other "impedimenta" immediately upon their arrival. They were also detailed for K. P. and other equally pleasant duties of the soldier without any delay.

At this Camp, which is the second largest in the U. S. the fellows secured their first dose of real army life, and the conclusion is that life at Bates is "Breakfast in Bed on a Sunday Morning" compared with other officers' training schools. The food there must have been below the standard of even the former Bates Commons; the water was like the water of the Androsoggin. Even the officers were below the standard of those here. In fact, the best part of the whole experience, the fellows say, was the departure from the camp.

The time was hardly long enough, however, to form an adequate opinion of the Camp since the order to return was received after a stay of only eight days. This order permitted either a return to school, remaining in Camp Lee, or a discharge from the army altogether. Of the twelve men to leave, seven have come back to Bates. Those to return are: John Ashton, Carl Penny, Charles Peterson, Bruce Ruff, and Van Vloten. Wellington Getchell, Austin Macaulay, Fostering Millett and Carl Smith received their discharges and have withdrawn from both military service and collegiate duties. Charles Hamlen decided to remain at Camp Lee.

Bates is certainly glad to receive back these first products of her military training with so few casualties and only regret that those reported missing have severed their connection with the school.

SEVERAL PICTURE SHOWS HELD IN LIBERTY THEATER

CO-EDS PRESENT NOV. 23, FOR LAST TIME

The picture shows Saturday, November 23, were perhaps the best attended of any of the performances which the Y. M. C. A. has lately produced. This was due primarily to the fact that the co-eds were allowed to attend which was of course an added inducement for everyone to turn out. The two succeeding performances have not been attended by the girls, and as a result there has been less enthusiasm.

There was just one feature picture this time. It was "Baby Mine" featuring Madge Kennedy. The picture was a comedy pure and simple. The various attempts to borrow a baby resulted in a number of extremely humorous situations, but finally the absent husband was induced to return, and everything ended happily for all concerned.

During the intervals between reels, Mr. Whitehouse gave a selection on the violin; and Mr. Potter presented a reading and then did some clever drawing.

After the show, the crowd adjourned to the Y. M. C. A. but where an additional program was to be provided. Refreshments were served, and the Eleventh Hour Theatrical Troupe consisting of Mayoh, Thibadeau, Potter, and Tracy entertained. It is reported that one or two of our erstwhile non-commissioned officers did not exactly appreciate this part of the evening's program.

PARTY THURSDAY EVENING AT THE "Y" HUT

STUDENTS AND FACULTY ENJOY THEMSELVES AT ROGER WILLIAMS

After a typical New England Thanksgiving Day with plenty of pleasure, "cats", and good skating, not a few of the Bates students found it possible to go to the hut for an informal evening. The social committee of the Y. W. C. A. had accepted the invitation of the Bates men to come to the hut, and had in turn sent out a far reaching invitation to all students and faculty to come and enjoy popcorn and real fudge, once more. At the hut everyone found something to do, either at the pool tables, or the checker boards, before the fireplace with a corn popper, or at a chafing dish. The latter task, we are told was indeed the hardest, for more than one story has found it's way about the campus regarding the number of pans of fudge "we lost" or, more often, the number "we got away with." It did seem like former days, tho, to have a fudge party with plenty of sugar, and doubtless, plenty of people who still eat fudge.

No formal entertainment was planned for the evening, so students wandered in and out as they liked. "Quarter of ten" came all too soon. After the "Alma Mater" had been sung, no-one intended to go. Then "Good-night Ladies" was tried, but this, too, failed to produce the desired effect, so we were shortly told it was time to go home. Surely a fitting close for a Happy Thanksgiving Day.

SPOFFORD CLUB HOLDS WEEKLY MEETINGS

At the Tuesday, November 19th, meeting of the Spofford Club, a poem, entitled "The Return" was read by Miss Woodbury, and discussed by the members. Miss Hutchins read a short story entitled "Her First Funeral". It appeared, however, that the selection was not as gloomy as the title would seem to indicate, for the story proved to be an interesting study in child psychology.

The program for the meeting, November 26th, was furnished by Miss Ste-

ANNUAL MEETING OF CHENEY CLUB

BATES COLLEGE GRADUATES HOLD SESSION AND BANQUET IN MANCHESTER

Professor H. G. Blount of Pembroke Academy, Pembroke, was elected president of the Cheney club, an association of graduates of Bates college of Lewiston, Maine, at the annual meeting, held at the Orrington last night. The other officers for the coming year are: Mrs. Marian Ames Mooney of Manchester, vice president, and Miss Mary W. Cross of Franklin, secretary treasurer.

The annual banquet was held in the hotel dining-room at 6:30, followed by the business session. The attendance this year was slightly smaller than in previous years, the war having made deep in roads in the club membership.

Henry G. Roberts of Suncook was chairman of the meeting. There were several speakers among whom were George H. Libby, principal of the local high school, C. P. Sanborn of Hookset, Mrs. Marion A. Money of this city and Miss Jessie H. Nettleton of Concord. One of the Bates professors had been expected but was unavoidably detained. The singing of college and patriotic songs was participated in throughout the evening. A discussion was held as to the advisability of holding the annual meeting in Concord, but nothing definite was reached, the matter being left to the club officers.

Mr. Libby spoke upon loyalty to the college, and dwelt at some length on the opportunity offered the members of the club for extending the influence of the alma mater. He also touched upon educational problems and new after-the-war questions which must be met in secondary schools and colleges.

Mr. Sanborn, one of the oldest graduates, told of a recent visit to the college and of the changes effected there since his graduation.

vens and Mr. Manter. Miss Stevens' poem "Doctor Experience" written in free verse brought up the ancient question, "Is it poetry". As usual, the club was unable to decide. Mr. Manter next presented one of the most interesting and thrilling productions that the club has listened to for some time. His story dealt with a Roman scientist of ancient Pompeii who had discovered an elixir of life which would give immortality to whoever drank it. The hero of the story, who had been dragged into unconsciousness by the scientist who was acting as the tool of the hero's rival in love, was accidentally given the elixir instead of the soporific potion. Just then the eruption occurred, the youth went in search of his sweetheart; but found her dead in an unfallen room. Here he remains for hundreds of years, and finally he tries to dig his way out.

The author was criticised somewhat for his conclusion. It was suggested that the hero should have been left in the room thus allowing the reader to remain in doubt as to his ultimate fate.

PROFESSOR HARTSHORN SPEAKS AFTER CHAPEL WEDNESDAY

Urges Students To Remain In College

Professor Hartshorn spoke to the men after chapel last Wednesday morning concerning the advisability of remaining in college. He told of realizing the conditions men have encountered during the summer. The fear of draft and the fact that many men were in the service upset plans. Other expenditures have cut the income down. Yet, if it is possible, most men should remain.

"You are making an important decision. Men in the past believed that the education of 'hard knocks' of practical things was the only one. We have outgrown this last idea. The great war offers the best illustration

JUNIOR GIRLS WIN HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP

SENIOR GIRLS ELIMINATE SOPHOMORES AND JUNIORS ELIMINATE FRESHMEN

The Juniors and Seniors met on Tuesday to decide the championship game of the hockey season. Both teams seemed to be equally skillful and for some time no point was made. Then the Juniors made the one goal which gave them the victory. In the second half as well as the first, the playing was almost wholly on the Senior side of the field but because of the excellent work of the Senior full-backs the Juniors were kept from scoring any more points. The Junior half-backs, Paris, Edward and Thomas kept the Senior ball from going far beyond the center line, where the Junior forwards kept their opponents on the run.

Girls' Hockey Games

Senior-Sophomore
The Seniors defeated the Sophomores in their annual hockey game by a score of 3-0. During the first half of the game, the teams seemed to be evenly matched and no point was scored on either side. However at the first of the second half, the Seniors rallied long enough to make three goals and from that time the game settled into a hard fight with no goal on either side.

The line-up follows:

Seniors	Sophomores
Dunnbury, cf	cf, Knapp
Woodnells, if	if, Hughes
Hartshorn, if	if, I. Haskell
Graves, w	w, Bates
Tracy, w	w, Carl
Millay, lhb	lhb, Miller
Tarbell, c. h. b.	c. h. b, Fullerton
Stevens, r. h. b.	r. h. b, Connolly
M. Hodgdon, f. b.	f. b., Cutler
Hayes, f. b.	f. b, F. Hodgdon
Wells, g.	g, Weymouth

Junior-Freshmen

The Juniors won over the Freshmen only after a hard fought battle. The Freshmen goal tender, Rosalia Knight proved all but impassable for only one ball was allowed to go thru the goal. However this was sufficient to give the victory to the Juniors but the Freshmen showed some excellent playing considering their short period of training.

Following is the line-up:

Juniors	Freshmen
Logan, cf.	cf, Holt
Goodall, if.	if, Lidstone
Jackson, if.	if, Little
Bowman, w.	w, Cullens
Soule, w.	w, M. Willis
Paris, c.h.b.	c.h.b, Clark
Edward, l.h.b.	l.h.b, V. Willis
Thomas, r.h.b.	r.h.b, Berry
Lamson, f.b.	f. b., Dearing
Taylor, f.b.	f. b, Forest
Sanders, g.	g, Knight

of this statement. The colleges were stripped. Professors were placed in responsible positions and men of the student bodies were wanted for officers. The S. A. T. C. was in answer to a call for 150,000 more college men."

Professor Hartshorn told of the financial advantages of a college education. He presented figures showing the increased earning power of college men. Statistics compiled at leading institutions have shown a college education to be worth from twenty to twenty-five thousand dollars.

"Do not stay out a year if you can possibly help. Nine out of ten who leave with good intentions never come back. Borrowing is not always a sin. You are making an important decision. We may be at the parting of the ways. Choose wisely."

Our genial professor closed with giving a resume of the course to be followed in our studies. The present work will be continued until Christmas. After that time the regular schedule will be followed as much as possible.

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EDITORIALS

FINISHING THE YEAR

The disbanding of the S. A. T. C. leaves a good part of the student body with a serious problem on its hands. To old and new students alike comes the question of finances for the remainder of the year. Many of our upperclassmen have spent the summer in the service and the old maxim of "You can't get rich in the service" has held true. The new students can be divided into two classes; first, those who would have entered college as in other years and those who entered because the government was furnishing the means of an education. In this latter class is some promising material. These students should think twice before forfeiting the third of a year already gained and giving up all chances of higher training. The old saying of "Where there is a will there is a way" has been demonstrated on more than one occasion at Bates.

Charles W. Conter, of the Department of Sociology, Western Reserve University has published an interesting article in Education, for November, on the college man's finances. He doubts the wisdom of too much work while going through college. He concludes his article with the following paragraph.

"A still better plan for the purposeful and serious minded student is to engage in his frenzied financing through the summers, take stock of his resources in the fall, tentatively budget the year, and borrow from his family, friends, college or banker, what is necessary to put him through. What if he does have to carry an added insurance by way of guarantee? Thus can he capitalize his future efficiency. He can do what the business man is daily doing when he borrows against a potential business which he means to actualize. In the case of the student there is the added advantage of being able to give his undiverted mind to study, and his recreational hours to pursuits which actually recreate and keep him physically and intellectually fit. There is value in putting oneself up against a big task under such conditions that there is no ground for apology or excuse of such handicap. Only thus can he know himself, his abilities and limitations. Such a course results in the enrichment of the experience, scholarship and culture of the college man. It helps to maintain the high standards of the school and adds another efficient individual to the society of tomorrow.

The old commercial maxim is applicable also to academic financing: "There are times when it pays to borrow."

S. A. T. C. TO BE DISBANDED

At last the government and the colleges working together have arrived at a decision. The future of the local S. A. T. C. is known. By December twenty-first all of our men will probably have returned to civilian life. Thanks to the attitude taken by our faculty, those who return to college will receive full credit for work done. This decision should lighten many a burden. It should encourage many to overcome obstacles and to complete their courses.

The military regime has brought about great changes in our student life. The greater part of these innovations has been for the better. From a peaceful college community to a full fledged military post was the change of a night. In a short time the happy carefree student became subject to government control. Military training has worked wonders. The contentions of believers in compulsory military service have been verified. Army discipline has served as a check on two important classes of the student body. In the first place, a busy day and taps at ten o'clock has acted as a restraint on the frivolous class who placed the emphasis on their social rather than academic standing. The second great class of which the traditional bookworm is an example has ceased to exist. The powers, who interpreted the regulations for the S. A. T. C. at Bates, have apparently never considered studying essential to military efficiency.

With the breaking up of the present order we can look for a gradual readjustment to ordinary conditions. Some of our students will leave, perhaps, a good percentage of our number. But then others will return. To those who leave, we are sorry we could not show you Bates at its best. For those who remain there is the glorious future. Let everyone forget unavoidable unpleasant happenings which have occurred. Remember citizen ideals and military practice do not go arm and arm. Our officers have used us well. Let us continue to put forward our best efforts even though our days may be few here as members of the S. A. T. C.

SHE WAS A GOOD OLD SHIP—BUT

"Baby Mine"—you created quite a disturbance. *Baby Mine* so sorry you are no longer permitted to accompany me to the Liberty Theater. Stag parties are the rule from now on.

"The Trench Diggers", a picture of hate, featuring Privates Arata and "Pep," directed by Seaman Sergeant Donner.

Only about fifty were skinned on their rifles last Saturday. I'll say it takes a good man to get by our general strategic board.

Enjoying your nap, Willard! Better use a little more turpentine. Head! were the choice extracts gathered on the drill field last week.

Well, if I got caught. Believe me I would have finished the dance anyway.

The sergeants had to sit behind the "gobs" in chapel last Saturday. The commanding officer wanted to make a showing and the boys in navy blue did their part.

Will the personal officer or the officer in charge kindly furnish a list of all freshman names a day or two in advance of their discharge so that the paddling squad can make necessary arrangements.

I guess I'll have to run for the station Oh! How I wish I was back in Bethel!

Too bad our guests (?) could not experience the rigors of a Maine winter.

It is my turn to laugh now. I do not intend to get up at 5:45 A. M. No, neither do I intend to room in John Bertram Hall all year.

Have you heard one of our lieutenants prove that the Russian rifle is a better piece than the Enfield? It can be done. I heard the monologuex

Skating is again on our program. Certain co-eds found to their dismay that the ice is not any too safe. A couple of "gobs" effected a rescue from the icy waters.

Evidently someone thinks the commanding officer is using his imagination when he speaks of eleven hours' drill.

One of the finest examples of student loyalty to a professor was exhibited last Tuesday when several young ladies waited anxiously for ten minutes, after the final bell had rung, for the arrival of the professor while the remainder of the students deferred their education in that particular subject until the next regular meeting of the class.

Just think, we'll never have a chance to fire one of those wonderful Russian rifles.

The Freshmen are beginning to have vague misgivings about their future status, now that the S. A. T. C. is no more.

Don't let that worry them. There are many minds pondering on the weighty problem.

And how about the old Gym? Are we to go back to the old happy go lucky days.

Somebody said that Profs. were worrying about the reaction that would set in when the Unit is disbanded—referring to the Cut System.

Will the Y. M. C. A. Hut be continued, and the same delightful policy of war times be carried over into peace days?

We see where somebody burns the midnight oil—not because it's necessary, but to experience the novelty.

Any way the K. O. said we could wear the uniforms for four months. Some consolation to those who wished the Military life to continue!

How do you like drilling on Garecelon Field with the mercury trying to keep down in the bulb. Invigorating, man; Invigorating!!

It is very convenient that inspection does not come oftener. Quite accommodating to have only one Saturday a week.

They say that the Bates Army and Navy look rather fine in uniform—No! Don't look in the mirror, there were others besides you.

Never was the old life more attractive to some sophomores than at present.

They say that Barracks B is not the warmest place on earth on these frigid mornings. There's a reason, as the advertisement says.

What will these sergeants do without somebody to bawl out?

Let them try it on themselves, and see how they like it.

Are we going to get those other woolen shirts due us?

We'd be willing to turn in the cotton ones for part payment.

And how about our pay? Still in the realm of the missing, we presume.

Please remember we ARE NOT criticizing.

Though the S. A. T. C. has proved irksome to some, there are many to whom the disbanding will come as a distinct regret.

We know what Livy meant when he told of the soldiers being "attacked by the unevenness of the ground." Those who cannot appreciate the Latin phrase need only to drill an hour or so on Garecelon Field.

Certainly the faculty have done the fair thing by crediting the amount of work done so far toward the required number of hours.

These are sure "troubulous times."

History is in the making, we are told. We don't doubt the statement in the least. Next patriotic orator please take notice.

After all the experience has done us all good to a lesser or greater degree.

It is reported that the Chemical Warfare Division has taken up Music in addition to its other duties. The annual chorus under the direction of R. M. Shafer has been practicing night and day.

It comes to a pretty state of affairs when a dignified ex-candidate for an Officers Training School is mistaken for a booze vender. The following incident is said to have occurred at Portland when one of our ex-candidates was returning from Camp Lee. This gentleman was approached on the railroad platform by a ferret-eyed individual who said in subdued voice, "You haven't got any booze in that suitcase you could sell a feller, have you?" "No," replied our ex-candidate indignantly. "Oh, come on, give us a drink," said the individual in a coaxing tone. On still being refused, he assumed an authoritative air; and said "Come on now, young man, what have you got in that suitcase!" "I'll have you know," replies G., waxing very wrathfully, "that men in the United States army do not carry around booze

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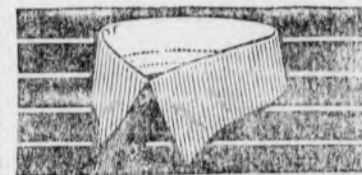
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in their suitcases!" Exit the booze detective.

Far be it from us to criticize, but why wouldn't it be a good idea for the trench-diggers to dig a trench where it would be useful—from Roger Williams to Chase Hall for instance.

It would pay the government to hire those fellows in Senior Chemistry who found 110% of copper and silver in their dimes.

Why can't Fido be trained to sing the Star Spangled Banner at Retreat. She sings fine with bugle accompaniment?

"Say, had you just as soon take the end of your rifle barrel out of my left eye and put it in my right. My left one is getting sore now."

The latest rumor: Paddles have been received by the K. O. to be issued with the discharges. Only enough have come to outfit the upper classmen but no doubt the Freshmen will get a chance to see what the paddles are like.

How many times a day will the rooms be swept after the great red dawn of disarmament comes to Mr. Bates Army?

We wish to give everyone due warning. The minute you are discharged from this army you are liable to be a recipient of a water bag in front of Parker Hall. This is a college custom. Heads up is the rule. No one is immune. Take Care! It is an A No. 1 method of developing snafu.

We do not drill now days. We double time.

Think twice before you decide to leave college.

About time to stop the child's play when an officer enters the mess hall.

Notice has been served that the banquet will be a feed.

The L. A. & W. is going to declare a dividend when the S. A. T. C. "kicks in."

I think I'll be able to use my hammer sometime next week.

ROGER WILLIAMS HALL ASSOCIATION ELECTS OFFICERS

The first meeting of the Roger Williams Hall Association was held last Tuesday evening for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year and to draw up a new set of Hall regulations. Karl Woodcock, former president of the association, outlined for the benefit of the Freshman and new members of the Hall the necessity and advantages of organizing. The election of officers was then held and the following men were chosen to conduct the business of the organization for the year: Stephen Gould, '19, President; Ernest MacKenzie, '20; Vice President; and Charles Stevens, '21, Secretary. An executive committee was also chosen and is composed of the following men, Charles Packard, '19, Oscar Voigtlander, '20, Eugene Huff, '21, and Robert Watts, '22. This committee was delegated to take care of a few details. The meeting adjourned at nine.

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DEMobilIZATION AND DISORGANIZATION OF BATES' STUDENTS TRAINING CORPS

(Continued from page one)

and organization of the Students' Army Training Corps at Bates.

On the 26th of September, four Infantry Officers recently commissioned as Second Lieutenants at Plattsburg, New York, reported for duty to assist the Commanding Officer in the matter of administration and the training of the members of the unit, and on October 14th Second Lieutenant Elton O. Feeney, Infantry, U. S. A., commissioned at the Small Arms Firing School, Camp Perry, Ohio, reported for duty as rifle instructor. The commanding officer has been indeed fortunate in having as his assistants, officers of the calibre of these men. They have at all times been most interested in the progress of the unit and have taken a great interest in the matter of the development of the men.

The Commanding Officer has been most proud of his detachment since its very beginning, and has appreciated the effects on the part of the men and the morale and esprit de corps which has at all times prevailed throughout the unit. It is most gratifying to feel that a high degree of discipline, on the whole, has prevailed throughout the existence of the unit, that type of discipline where men discipline themselves. It is impossible for officers to show material results in the matter of training and discipline of the men under their command without the co-operation and the backing of the men themselves; and the commanding officer has felt to a marked degree the support which he has had in the matter of maintaining an efficient, well disciplined, and well trained organization.

The command has been most fortunate in the matter of health. Throughout the prevalence of the influenza epidemic it was found expedient to confine the men within the boundaries of the camp. This worked a considerable hardship upon them, but they took their medicine well with very little complaint or objection. The result was most favorable for not a single case of influenza has existed within the unit, the escape from the epidemic being entire. Furthermore, exclusive of the epidemic, the health of the men has been marvellous, there being periods of from six to seven days without any man of the command answering the army sick call or being absent from his duties. No man has at any time required hospital treatment or care, and no contagious disease whatsoever has prevailed at any time within the unit. This, has been due, in a large measure, to the efficiency and management of the mess hall, the obedience of orders by and the co-operation on behalf of the men of the command, and in a still greater degree to the efficient medical attendance and care of the men on the part of Dr. H. S. Sleeper of Lewiston, Maine, the contract surgeon appointed by the War Department to take charge of the medical department of the unit. Dr. Sleeper has indeed rendered valuable service and has rendered valuable assistance to the Commanding Officer in the matter of attaining the excellent health and sanitary conditions which have existed at the college.

Because of the exigencies of war and the tremendous drain upon the War Department in the matter of equipment and clothing for its soldiers and sailors. The receipt of supplies for the command has been very much delayed. This has been a source of great disappointment on the part of the men, but that esprit de corps which has so constantly prevailed among them has resulted in their accepting their lot as real soldiers. The greater part of the authorized allowance of equipment, clothing and ordnance has now been received. The men have required their new belongings quickly, and already the atmosphere of a long-established post has grown up about the campus.

It has been necessary from time to time during the existence of the unit to interrupt the college curricula by calling men from their academic studies to the performance of military duties. The Commanding Officer has made every effort possible to avoid such occasion except where the interests of the military service demanded it. In every case, without exception, he has received the co-operation and assistance of the college faculty. All the officers of the military department have appreciated this and each will carry with him upon his separation from his duties at this post, a deep impression of the interest exhibited by the college authorities and the co-opera-

tive relationship which has constantly existed between the military and the academic.

The Commanding Officer and the officers of his command regret exceedingly that it is now necessary to demobilize and disorganize, in view of the fact that the unit has just been clothed and equipped. The enlisted personnel of both the army section and the navy section will at once be discharged. The soldiers, pursuant to the direction of the Committee on Education and Special Training, Washington, D. C., and the Commanding General of the Northeastern Department, Boston, Mass.; and the navy under orders from the Commandant of the First Naval District, Boston.

The exact date of discharge of the men of the command cannot at this time be stated, the same being conditional upon the completion of all records necessary in the premises; it is estimated however, that all men will be separated from the service by at least the 15th of December.

All men will be fully paid prior to their discharge. The following items of clothing may be retained by each soldier discharged, but must be returned to the Zone Supply Officer, Boston Depot, Salvage Base, Warehouse F, 20 Malvern Street, Allston, Mass., within four months after discharge under franked label which will be furnished for that purpose:

- 1 pair OD Woolen Breeches.
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- 1 Hat Cord
- 1 Service Hat
- 1 Pair Leggings
- 1 Overcoat
- 1 Collar Ornament
- 1 Flannel Shirt
- 1 Pair Shoes.

All used stockings and underclothing in the possession of the soldier at the time of discharge may be retained. The instructions relative to the disposition of the clothing of the Naval Reservists of this unit have not yet been received.

The government will also allow each man to keep up for the duration of his family his insurance at the very low rate he is now paying. The federal laws governing this insurance have been enacted entirely for the benefit of all men in the service and not for the profit of the government; therefore the Commanding Officer urges all men to keep up their insurance and pay the premium upon the same as it becomes due, even though it must be done at a great sacrifice.

In a few days each soldier will receive his discharge from the United States Army and each soldier will be placed upon an inactive duty status; each will either again take up his regular college work at this institution or elsewhere, or return home. He has been in the service but a short time. His military work has been somewhat interrupted and trying by reason of the initial work in connection with the organizing and equipping of the organization to which he belongs. His college work has been only to a small degree of his own choice as the government has prescribed the general outline to be followed; but in view of such fact the college authorities have unanimously agreed to give him full credit upon his college course for the work he has done. He is taking with him many fine qualities of body and mind which he has acquired or developed in the military service. The army has done everything it could do to make him strong, fine, self-reliant, yet self-controlled. The Commanding Officer hopes that he will keep alive the good qualities that he has acquired in the army and become as good a citizen as he has been a good soldier and ever retain that degree of enthusiasm and "pep" which has brought about the victory in the great battle against the Huns. Each man should realize as he returns to civil life that he has new problems to solve and that in his hands, to a great extent, rests the future of his country, during the reconstruction period.

The Commanding Officer is proud of every man in his command. He shall always be interested in each one; and bids him goodbye with deep regret and wishes him every success after he returns home—that spot in every man's heart that no other place can fill.

JORDAN SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

The regular meeting of the Jordan Scientific Society was held, Wednesday evening, November 27th, at Hedge Laboratory. After transacting routine business, the following papers were read and discussed.

The first paper, "Fixation of Atmosphere Nitrogen" was given by Mr. N. W. Larkum, '21. Mr. Larkum pre-

pared his paper by explaining the important part which nitrogen plays in agriculture, nutrition, and finally in explosive. Without nitrogen in the form of nitrates, modern warfare would be impossible. The available sources of fixed nitrogen were discussed and also the fact that these sources were becoming exhausted rapidly. Mr. Larkum pointed out that altho Germany was shut off from Chile saltpeter for her nitric acid, yet Germany was able to produce countless tons of nitric acid by utilizing the nitrogen from the air. The three principal electrical methods of obtaining nitrogen from the air were treated at length by the speaker. Diagrams showing the action of the Pauling, the Beirkeland-Eyde, and the Shönherr types of electrical furnaces were explained. The Shönherr process perfected by the Badische and Aniline Fabrik uses a long arc and is perhaps the most efficient. The cyanamid process and the Ostwald process of converting ammonia into nitric acid were mentioned.

The second paper, "Influenza", was read by Mr. Harvey Goddard, '20. Mr. Goddard gave a brief history of influenza and its ravages during the last century. The speaker gave a more detailed account of the spread, biological aspects, and the methods of combating this recent plague. The serum or anti-body perfected by Dr. Leary of Tufts was discussed, and also the method worked out by Dr. Redden of the Navy was explained fully.

Both of the papers read showed much research and careful work on the part of the authors. The Jordan Scientific Society has started the year with a series of exceptionally strong programs which by this organization in past years.

BATES SOLDIERS ENTERTAINED BY MARBLE'S ORCHESTRA

Appropriate Entertainment in "Y" Hut

As the in direct response to a suggestion in the previous edition of the Bates Student that the Sunday afternoon fires in the Y Hut ought to be kept burning it was rumored that Marble's Orchestra of this city would render an appropriate entertainment in that place on Sunday evening, November 24th. A large number of the Bates soldiers were present, due chiefly to the fact that passes only extended until retreat that afternoon.

At seven o'clock the usual hot chocolate was served with a generous ration of crackers of all sorts and sizes. Most of the soldiers took advantage of the generosity of the Ladies Auxilliary Corps, and altho a few suffered lingual casualties by being too hasty in taking their first draught, they were generally ready for a second cup. As soon as the refreshments were exhausted or appreciably diminished everybody convened in the large recreation room where chairs were promptly arranged and the evening program commenced.

Practically every number was encored once or twice by the enthusiastic audience, the Devotional Exercises were lead by Professor Leonard. An outline of the program which was rendered is as follows:

- Marble's Orchestra (2 Selections). Hymns
- Devotional Service
- Lead by Professor Leonard
- Orchestra Selection
- Reading By Mrs. F. E. Pomeroy
- Songs Lead by Professor Robinson
- Orchestra Selection
- Reading Mrs. F. E. Pomeroy
- Orchestra Selection
- Solo By Mrs. George F. Finnie
- Orchestra Selection.

The pieces which the orchestra played, the readings which Mrs. Pomeroy gave, and the solos which Mrs. Finnie sang, all combined to make the evening an enjoyable one.

SOPHOMORE GIRLS ENTERTAIN YOUNG MEN

Interesting Program Given At Hut

The Sunday afternoon program at the Y. M. C. A. hut was furnished by the Sophomore girls. The following interesting program was presented: Cornet solo, Miss Warren; piano accompanist, Miss Carle; reading, "The Glad Game", Miss Fisher; vocal duet, Misses Carle and Merrill; reading "At the Movies", Miss Menard; piano duet, Misses Knapp and Anderson; reading "A Rookie's Letter," Miss Barron; reading, "The Ruggles Dinner Party," Miss Allen. These selections were all of the highest order, and were greatly enjoyed by the audience. The program was concluded by the singing of the Alma Mater.

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"Mel" Small, '20, was on the campus over Thanksgiving. "Mel" is stationed at Camp Devens and is thinking seriously of coming back to college next term.

Stanton Woodman, '20, spent last Friday on the campus. "Woody" is at Harvard Radio School and may be back next term.

Lieutenant Carr entertained at the officers mess-hall Thanksgiving noon.

Among those who went home for Thanksgiving were Misses Gladys Logan, Annabel Parris, Ruth Cummings, Vera Milliken, Gladys Skelton, Ruth Severance, Eleanor Hayes and Catherine Woodbury.

Miss Marion Dunnells entertained her sister, Edna Dunnells of Gorham Normal School, during Thanksgiving and the week-end.

Miss Vida Stevens had her mother as her guest for the holidays.

Ernestine Wright and Gladys Holmes spent Saturday and Sunday at the former's home in Gardiner.

Miss Ruth Sturgis, '17, was a visitor on campus Thanksgiving Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Verdal Sampson were also seen around the campus on the holiday. Mrs. Sampson was Miss Imogene Smith, '19.

Miss Ruth Allen recently entertained her cousin, Miss Dorothy Penney of Hebron Academy.

Miss Ruth Clayter, ex-'20, who is teaching in Rockland, spent Thanksgiving with Miss Louise Sargent.

Dr. and Mrs. Leonard were guests at Rand Hall for Thanksgiving dinner.

Miss Mary Williamson spent the holiday in Buckfield as the guest of Miss Mary Hall.

Miss Gladys Hartshorn spent Thanksgiving in Westbrook.

Miss Ernestine Philbrook spent Thanksgiving at her home in Bethel.

Miss Ethel Fairweather and Frances Hughes were at their homes in Portland for the week-end.

Mr. Floyd Fish was guest of his sister, Freda Fish, on the campus Thanksgiving.

Miss Rachel Knapp entertained Miss Minerva Cutler at her home on Mountain Avenue over the holiday.

Agrandice Healey was guest of her mother in Pittsfield on Thanksgiving.

Annie May Chappell was at her home in Saco over the holiday and had as her guest Carrie Place.

Cecil Holmes, '19, was a visitor on the campus last Wednesday. "Cec" has been given his honorable discharge and plans to return to college after Christmas.

Clarence Gould (ex-'18) now a member of the Naval Reserve Force visited friends on the Campus last week.

Raleigh Boober (ex-'18) has received his honorable discharge from the army. "Raleigh" was on the campus a few days ago and is thinking seriously of returning to college.

Elizabeth Little spent the week-end at her home in Massachusetts.

Gladys Dearing was at her home in South Portland for Thanksgiving.

Doris Hooper entertained Wilhemina Fineman at her home in So. Gorham over Thanksgiving.

Katherine O'Brien, Margaret and Mildred Wyman were at their homes in Portland for Thanksgiving.

Beatrice Clark was guest of Alice Parsons at her home in Hallowell.

Marion and Helen Richardson were at the home of the latter in Sabattus for the week-end.

Katherine Hanscom entertained Muriel Bower at her home in Bethel over the week-end.

Eleanor Hayes entertained her father at dinner at Rand Hall on Thanksgiving.

Through the columns of the Daily Lewiston Sun, we learn of the injury of Laforest E. Wade, a former Bates student, who has been wounded in action in France. Prior to being wounded he was seriously ill having contracted dysentery while staying in the wet trenches. He left in the draft quota of April, 1918, and was a member of Company C., 321 Regiment of the 76th division.

Earl Packard, '19, spent Thanksgiving with Winfield Witham, '18, in

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Biddeford. While there Mr. Packard had the unexpected pleasure of seeing Laurence Ross, '18, who is at home having received an indefinite furlough from the Dupont Powder Company in Virginia where he has been working.

Stephen Gould, '19, and Edwin Adams, '19, spent Sunday with C. H. Higgins at his home in Auburn.

GETTIN' LETTERS

When you're far away from home an' you're feelin' kind o' blue,
When the world is topsy turvy, nothin' sets jest right fer you,
Yuh can sneer at all yer troubles, an' yer cares yuh never mind,
When you've really had a letter from the friend yuh left behind.

When the cook is downright nutty, an' his biskits never raise,
When he feeds yuh canned tomatoes fer jes' seventeen straight days,
Yuh can quite fergit he's nutty, yuh can treat him fairly kind,
If you've really had a letter from the Girl yuh left behind.

When the Captain's got a grouch on, an' has bawled yuh out fer fair,
When some pesky Lieut has sassed yuh which to home he would'n't dare,
Yuh can lift yer chin an' whistle, an' that's easy, yuh will find,
If you've really had a letter from the Girl yuh left behind.

When a letter comes yuh grab it right before the other guys,
An' yuh git a little vision of the light that's in Her eyes;
Yuh can see Her smiles an' dimples, an' fer other girls you're blind
When you've really had a letter from the Girl yuh left behind.

Jest a sheet or two of paper with a purple stamp or two,
But it means the whole creation to the heart an' soul o' you,
An' yuh git to feelin' pious, an' yuh pray a bit, yuh mind,
Fer the great Almighty's blessin' on the Girl yuh left behind.

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ROUND TABLE MEETS AT MR. FINNIE'S HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Finnie were the host and hostess at the last meeting of the Round Table. Mr. Judkins who is chairman of the local draft board discussed the work of the board describing all the details connected with the drawing, examining, and calling of the men.

Dr. Whitehorn gave a brief talk on the elements of chance involved in drawing the draft numbers.

The Rev. Mr. Finnie who was a member of the board of instructions told about the soldiers as he saw them in his official capacity.

Refreshments were served. It was voted to hold the Christmas meeting of the club in the Y. M. C. A. hut.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE HELD IN CHAPEL**Rev. Finnie Delivers Stirring Sermon**

In accordance with the proclamations issued by President Wilson and Governor Milliken, Thanksgiving, a service was observed last Thursday in the chapel and was well attended by the students and the friends of the college. The program was opened by Lieutenant Black, who read the proclamations given out by the governmental authorities. Rev. I. A. Bean then read from the Scriptures, which was followed by the singing of two anthems by the college choir, entitled "Festival Jubilate" and "Here, O Lord."

Rev. Finnie delivered the Thanksgiving sermon by pointing out the significance of the day compared with the previous Thanksgiving services. With his usual forceful and impressive style, he denounced the military syndicate of Germany and her soulless philosophy. The art, religion, and science of that crumbled nation was not used for the purpose of benefiting mankind, but was held in store to be mobilized at any moment for the destruction of her neighbors. As examples, he took four of the greatest inventions

of the day and showed how Germany had utilized them for her purpose in war. They were the telescope, telephone, locomotive and the other means of travel, and the instruments for the power of combat. He closed with praise for the great victory that has been attained which has made liberty secure, and the survival of truth possible.

The services closed with the singing of the college hymn by the audience.

RED CROSS MEETS TO WORK ON SCRAPBOOKS

Rand Hall dining room on Thursday evening was again the scene of a Red Cross confusion, consisting as at the preceding meeting, of tables littered with magazines, bottles of glue, and cups of good, old-fashioned flour and water paste. Scrap books of original design were the results of combinations of paste and cut out pictures and articles from the magazines.

Marian Dunnells, the president, announced that the work for the next meeting would be upon garments for Belgian children. These garments are made from old stockings.

Two faculty advisers have been appointed: Mrs. Gould for the sewing committee, and Mrs. Roberts for the knitting committee.

MANUAL OF ARMS REPLACES CLOSE ORDER DRILL**Competition Held Last Friday**

The last two weeks has brought quite a change in our drill methods. With the advent of the new Russian rifle came a period devoted exclusively to cleaning. Many of the men handling a rifle for the first time came to inspection with what they thought was a clean gun. They were soon disillusioned for almost every man in the company was skinned. The Commandant accepting our inexperience as sufficient excuse, imposed no penalty. On the following inspection about fifty men were caught napping and about fifty men reported for a second inspection late Saturday afternoon.

Close-order drill for the most part has been shelved. The manual of arms takes up most of our time. From the only and original awkward squad perfection is beginning to peep through. Right and left shoulder arms still gives trouble but the whole company can come to "order arms" within five minutes. The drilling on the field has changed. The soldiers are beginning to understand the technique—of charging on imaginary enemy. "Follow Me!" "Fire Faster!" and the boys streak across Garelon Field, fall on their stomachs, and start firing on the old red fence (yes, parts of it still exist).

Last Friday, by way of novelty, a little competitive drilling was held. Five men were selected from each platoon for skill in the manual of arms. The fifteen men selected went through another test and finally only five men remained, Walsh, Heald, McKinney Rice and Connors survived the longest. The drill continued until Rice was the only man left. The steadiness of Rice and the skill and precision of McKinney were the features of the competition.

ALUMNI NOTES

1905—Ardella Donnell is teaching in Thornton Academy, Saco.

1910—Ray E. Pomeroy is principal of the high school at Stoughton, Mass.

1912—Belle Twombly is teaching English in Milford, N. H., High School.

1916—Harold Clifford is superintendent of schools in Hartland. He and Mrs. Clifford (Gladys Mower), were visitors on the Bates campus last week.

1917—Evelyn Manchester is principal of the high school at Northeast Harbor.

Agnes Burnett is instructor in Latin in the high school at Milford, N. H.

Douglass Gay is at Camp Devens.

1918—Floyd Marton, Richard Garland, and Stephen Clifford are also in the service at Camp Devens.

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