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MEN INDUCTED INTO S. A. T. C.

To Be A Strange Mixture of Student and Army Life.

Alma college opened October second, with an enrolment of nearly two hundred students, a hundred of whom are men of the Student Army Training Corps.

On Tuesday forenoon, October 1, the oath of allegiance was administered by Lieut. Chas. L. Robinson, the company commander, to ninety-five men who were entering the S. A. T. C. Orders of the day as sent out by President Wilson, Acting Secretary of War Council and Gen. March, chief of staff, were read by Lieutenant Robinson.

New students will be allowed to register in the Student Army Training Corps until the twentieth of October, and it is expected the enrolment will be the largest in the history of the college.

Pioneer Hall and the Hood museum have been converted into barracks to accommodate the men. A part of the dining room at Wright Hall is now a mess hall where the men of the S. A. T. C. eat at tables without tablecloths and sit on benches, as do the men in the regular army camps. The men follow strict routines, as do the men in camp.

Military drill has already begun under the supervision of Lieutenant Kruse. Sergeants and corporals have already been appointed as follows:

Lee M. Sharrar, First Sergeant and Leader of Second platoon; Carol Wenger, Sergeant and Leader of First platoon; John L. Finlayson, Sergeant and Right Guide of First platoon. The above three men have been at Fort Sheridan for a month, and are assisting Lieutenant Kruse. Glenn Campbell, Sergeant and Left Guide of First platoon; Lyle D. Barnhart, Sergeant and Right Guide of Second platoon; Glenn Richards, Sergeant and Left Guide of Second platoon; and Robert Adams, Mess Sergeant.

Corporals—F. Anderson, P. K. Barber, E. A. Dunlap, O. B. Elius, E. C. Erickson, M. V. Keene, W. A. Newton, B. E. Seaman, F. Smith, F. M. Vreeland.

Buglers—F. Filmore, A. Kelly. These appointments are only tentative and other men who make good will be given a chance to show their ability at these positions.

The men have already been sent to work digging trenches for a bayonet course, which includes bayonet dummies, trenches, barbed wire, shell-holes and other battle conditions. The men seem to enjoy this work, as shown by the eagerness with which they respond to the call to dig trenches.

Although there will be no football this year, most of the other college activities will be kept up, as long as they do not interfere with military duties.

A company orchestra has already been organized with Harold Davis as leader. The orchestra will be under the supervision of Prof. Hosmer, who is the instructor of music in Alma College.

Before going into the army, Lieutenant Robinson was engaged in the fruit business in Wenatchee, Washington. Prior to that time he had been a student at the Oregon Agricultural College, in which place he held the rank of Cadet Officer. Upon the outbreak of the war he enlisted in the regular army, 14th Infantry. He was sent to the second officers' training camp at Presidio, California. From there he was transferred, after receiving his commission, to Camp Lewis, Washington, thence to the vo-



LIEUT. CHAS. L. ROBINSON

Y. W. C. A. ENTERTAINS NEW GIRLS AT TEA

Friday afternoon, at 4:30, found Wright Hall reception room appearing its coziest, with candles casting their uncertain light over the gay oak leaves that filled the corners, while the flames in the fire-place brightened the scene with their rosy light. The occasion was a tea given by the Y. W. C. A. for the new girls. Among the guests present were Mrs. Henry Soule, Mrs. Carrie Carr and the wives of the faculty members.

The occasion afforded an excellent opportunity for the friends of the college to meet the new girls and become better acquainted with the other inhabitants of Wright Hall. Lest the hostesses should find it necessary to mumble indistinctly after the "Miss" while in the throes of presentations, each Freshman was decorated with a neat label extending from shoulder to waist, on which was printed her name.

If the hum of the conversation over the tea-cups is significant, everyone enjoyed herself immensely.

S. A. T. C. MEN TO SING

The men of the S. A. T. C. are to learn to sing as well as to march and it is to be hoped that learning the former will aid some in doing the latter. Professor Hosmer met with the men in the "Y" room at seven o'clock on Monday evening and all enjoyed a real old-fashioned sing. One of the really beneficial things brought about by this war is the re-awakened interest in community singing. People are again beginning to see that music is a bond which holds nations as well as individuals together. General Pershing says that a singing army is a fighting army, and if anyone knows, he certainly does. So the men of the S. A. T. C. will meet at 7:00 each Monday night in the "Y" room that we may learn, and learn to sing well, those patriotic airs and folk-songs which we all should know.

SOME EXPERIENCE

The Captain was looking for men of sporting abilities to attend school for bayonet instruction. When the company was assembled he asked, "Has anyone had experience in fencing?"

A rural rookie replied: "Some with barbed-wire, sir."

SOLICITUDE

At chow, three hours after being jabbed for typhoid, Mickey turned pale; Slats, at the end of the table watching him closely, sang out:

"Say Mickey, if you faint, kin I have your pie?"

Additional student training in Oregon Agricultural College. From there he has been transferred to Alma College as Commanding Officer.

NEWS OF THE COLLEGE

Of special interest to the old students of the college is this extract from a letter received recently by Prof. Cornelius. It is in reference to the work of Miss Helen Baker, a graduate member of last year's class who is doing governmental work in Washington. It reads as follows: "One of your recent graduates, Miss Helen Baker, has for several months been a laboratory assistant in our materials testing laboratory here. She has proven very satisfactory and we are requesting your cooperation in securing more women with the same qualifications." The letter goes on to say that there are like opportunities open to other young women of initiative who are willing to use their hands as well as their heads. We are sure that we wish Miss Baker all success in the responsibilities of her new position.

At a recent chapel service attention was called to the death of Ammi Wright Lancashire, formerly a student in the preparatory department of Alma College, (1902-04). Mr. Wright was a grandson of Ammi Wright, the man who did most for Alma College, and the only son of Dr. and Mrs. J. Lancashire. Note was also made of the death of Mr. Charles H. Davis, a former partner of Mr. Ammi Wright and donor of Davis Athletic Field.

No doubt all students have at some time or other noticed the beautiful volume of illustrations of Shakespeare's plays which is found in the glass case in the library. This was the gift of Mr. Charles Stinchfield, one of the pioneer lumbermen of Michigan. Mr. Stinchfield passed away at his home in Detroit, Sept. 14th.

The funeral of Mr. Charles H. Davis, a former partner of Mr. Ammi Wright, who died at his home in Saginaw, Saturday, October 5, was attended by Professor Mitchell Wednesday.

Harry J. Leonard, a student in Alma College during the years 1903-'04, has been killed in action.

Ensign Lester Doerr, a graduate of the class of 1917, was a campus visitor last week.

"Faculty and Students Greetings. Many wishes for a splendid year for Alma." Such is a telegram President Crooks received from Prof. and Mrs. L. A. Stearns from Leesburg, Virginia.

HERBERT SCHALL DIES

One of Alma's first to fall victim to the epidemic of Spanish influenza that is sweeping this country was Herbert Schall of the Class of '21, who died at his home in Caro, Michigan, on Friday, October 4th. Mr. Schall, who was a student at Alma College during the school year 1917-18 and then employed by the Republic Motor Truck company during this last summer. He planned on entering the Student Army Training Corps at M. A. C. for this coming year and had just returned to his home in Caro after making arrangements for that entrance when he was taken sick.

Well known and liked by his classmates and those students from the Thumb who knew him, the news of his death could but cause sorrow to the student body of Alma College.

RAPID CALCULATION

"How many people are there here, Pat?" queried the Englishman of an Irishman in Montreal.

"Oh, about a hundred t'ousand."

"Why, I thought there were over half a million."

"Well," said Pat, "there is—if yez count the Frinch."—New York Globe.

They also serve who buy War Savings Stamps—if they save and buy to the utmost of their ability, and buy in time.



ELIUD B. SANCHEZ

OUR GOLD STARS

The flag which is dedicated to our many men in the service is becoming crowded with their stars. We glory in our flag and watch it with pride, but it is with sorrow and a growing realization of the meaning of war that we see the gold stars mingling with the blue. Frank Sullivan's star was the first to change to gold. Since then Eliud Sanchez, Harry J. Leonard and Ammi Wright Lancashire have gold stars on the flag.

GIRLS GLEE CLUB

At a short business meeting of the Girls' Glee Club Tuesday evening, Miss Vernie Greene was elected president and Miss Charlotte Hawes, business manager.

As the men will not be able to carry on the work of their organization, the girls will have the only glee club this year and possibly the only musical organization. For this reason the girls hope to give several concerts in the neighboring towns and to do all they can to keep Alma singing.

Professor Hosmer has charge of the vocal department this year in place of Professor Horton who left to do government work. The glee club hopes to do excellent work under his direction. Many new members have been chosen from among the students. The list, which may be subjected to revision, reads at present:

Sopranos—
Charlotte Hawes
Vernie Greene
Gertrude Peters
Alice Lancing
Esther Dewey
Second Sopranos—
Marion Forrester
Rosella Smalldon
Mildred McConkey
Margaret Moore
Esther Frederick
Miriam McIntosh
Mable Field
Beatrice Harrington
Contraltos—
Dorothy Reed
Helen Kneeland
Blanche Mashin
Florence Thompson
Dorothy Mitchell
Accompanist—Helen Huff

UP TO HIM

Two negroes were discussing the possibilities of being drafted.

"Tain't gwine to do 'em any good to pick on me," said Lemuel sulkily. "Ah certainly ain't gwine to do any fightin'. Ah ain't lost nothin' oveh in France. Ah ain't got any quarrel with a-n-y-body, and Uncle Sam kain't make me fight."

Jim pondered over this statement for a moment. "You' right," he said at length. "Uncle Sam kain't make you fight. But he can take you where de fightin' is, and after that you kin use you' own judgement."—Every-body's Magazine.

Pledge yourself to save the utmost and to buy a definite amount of War Savings Stamps each month.

THE Y. M. C. A. AT ALMA COLLEGE

Work of Year Outlined by President Floyd Kreuger.

The Y. M. C. A. is a development, for the most part, or the past generation. Under its present leader, John R. Mott, the movement has received th great impetus which has made it world wide in extent. And while we are thinking of organizing the nations into a great world democracy it is well to remember that already the students of forty-six nations are joined together in The World's Christian Student Federation—one of the greatest demonstrations of the spirit of world democracy which mankind has yet seen. This great world organization is divided into national organizations, and they in turn into state associations, and so on down until we arrive at the individual Young Men's Christian Associations of our counties, cities, schools, and colleges. Such, in brief, is the organization plan of the International Federation. It binds together the students of the world who are interested in spreading abroad to all humanity the light and liberty which Jesus Christ came to bring and to proclaim.

The Y. M. C. A. of Alma College has entered into the spirit of this great movement, and has long been conspicuous for its interest and activities in the work. We have representatives who now occupy positions of prominence and influence in both Y. M. C. A. and church work, in the mission fields as well as our own country. Their record is worthy of the best efforts which you and I can put forth in order to sustain the work which they have begun and carried on so nobly here. Nor should we fail to recognize the contribution of the leaders and workers of last year, whose work in managing the war campaign fund resulted in Alma's contributing over \$1500.00. The task of yesterday was theirs, and they met it.

But the task of to-day is ours. Whether we meet it or lose our opportunity, depends upon the efforts which we put forth. Opportunities are ours to-day which never before came to a generation of students. It is ours to fit ourselves to go into a real world—a world which is fast ridding itself of superficialities—and help to solve the real problems of real men. It takes a fully developed man to fill that job, and it is just that which the Y. M. C. A. stands for. The man who neglects either the physical, mental, or spiritual side of his life can never expect to meet all the demands which he will be called upon to meet if he wishes to make the greatest contribution to humanity. The hopes and aims of our local association are that we as college men may, by more mutual fellowship and common endeavor, fit ourselves to render the greatest possible service to the great body of our fellowmen whose labors make it possible for us to give ourselves to higher education. We solicit the membership of every man in college who is in sympathy with our objective and is willing to co-operate in its realization. In asking you to join with us it is but fair to give you a general statement of our policy.

Much of the work which we had planned for the year has of necessity been dropped because of the changed conditions. But these changed conditions give us a still greater opportunity to work together in other directions. The work which we had planned for community service must be turned to an effort to strengthen

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Once more Alma College opens her doors to students new and old who come back to college duties, some from a summer of work and some from a summer of play, but all with the determination that this shall be a year of good honest endeavor. The existing conditions which demand the concentration of every effort to win the war, make it imperative that each and every student of Alma College should gauge his life and work while here that he may do his part, whether that be great or small, in the greater task of the nation. Alma, along with other colleges and universities of the United States has been given an opportunity to serve that is unparalleled in the annals of the higher educational institutions. With opportunity come responsibilities. May the students of Alma as a whole accept those opportunities and bear those responsibilities in a manner indicative of the Old Alma Spirit.

What is the Alma Spirit? It is, first of all, that loyalty to the institution and its traditions which has bound the student body together into one unit. It is the power behind the throne that pushes the football over the goal for the M. I. A. A. Championship or brings home honor in the fields of oratory and debate. It may be true that Alma is to have no football team or oratorical contest this year, but that does not necessarily mean that there is not need of perpetuating the Alma Spirit. We are this year concerned with a far greater task, that of making the world a safe place in which a democratic and peace-loving people may live. The Alma Spirit, that spirit of pep and punch which made our men famous on the athletic field will also push them "over the top" for democracy's sake. Now, we are not worshippers of our ancestors but at the same time there are certain institutions and traditions about the college that the student body cannot afford to ignore. The Alma Spirit is something that any body of men and women, working toward a common end, cannot afford to lose.

It will be the policy of the Almanian staff during the coming year to, first of all, express student sentiment. The Almanian is not a paper of the Staff, or the Women of the College or the men of the S. A. T. C., but rather one published by the student body at large. We shall be more than glad at any time to print expressions of student sentiment. Let each student feel that he has an active part in the college paper for it is only through cooperation that the Almanian can be successfully published this year.

There are some other things too which are bound to be different this year. Government regulations regarding paper demand that we use ordinary print paper instead of the glossy type formerly used; we are compelled to diminish the number of cuts and increase the price of subscription. As a business enterprise the Almanian must be run conservatively and economically.

It is with a feeling of responsibility and pleasure that the staff takes upon its shoulders the duties of the year. But a staff alone cannot make a good college paper. Let us have the hearty cooperation and support of each and every student and there is no good reason why we cannot put the year 1918-19 down as a banner one in the annals of the college.

CONFIDENCE OF THE ALLIES

The faith and confidence in our ability to carry the war to a successful termination shown by our allies should in itself be a great inspiration to the American people. It is they who have stood the test and they

know the real meaning of war, yet they feel that America can and will stand the test also. It was a little Belgium boy a refugee in France who, upon hearing that the United States had entered the war, exclaimed: "Oh, I am so glad now I can have bread to eat, and maybe go back to my old home, even if mother and father aren't there." Is not such faith worthy of our utmost efforts?

Upon occasion of a luncheon given in London to celebrate the anniversary of America's entrance into the war, Premier Lloyd George sent the following telegram to the Lord Mayor of London: "The decision of the American people that it was their duty to join in the great struggle of free people against the attempt of overweening despotism to establish its own universal dominion by military power, was one of the most momentous events in history. During the past year they have been bending all their energies to the work of preparation. During the next few weeks America will give the Prussian military junta the surprise of their lives.

In these times of conservation of energy and material it is bad form to say the least to allow usable things to go unused. And yet in the lower hall of the Administration building, ext to the door of A. P. Cook's office, is found a little box, and across the top of that box is distinctly written "Almanian Items." Undoubtedly that box was put there with a purpose and the purpose is quite self-evident. Let's put the box to use. This means you Freshmen whose shining light is still under a bushel. Let us hear from you.

The Zeta Sigma room on the third floor of the administration building will temporarily be used as the Almanian office and will be the place of staff and board meetings. If there be some fellow or girl among the students who has artistic ability some cartoonist or sketch artist, do not let him hide behind his own modesty. Bring him to the light so that his fellow students may benefit by the art hat is in him.

Letters from men in the service are always appreciated. Send them along girls and if you want to block out a line or so here and there we have no objections. However, all articles must be in the hands of the staff by Saturday noon preceding the publishing of the Almanian on Tuesday. Bear this in mind and get your articles in on time.

Among the other things wrought by the war is the extensive use of two words hitherto quite unknown to the average english vocabulary. These words are "camouflage" and "morale." One might almost say that they had been placed in circulation for that is exactly what they do. They circulate attaching themselves first one object and then another until their original meaning is lost, except to those adept in the complexities of American slang. For a sort of slang it really is when a man at dinner remarks that the eggs are very well "camouflaged" or that the "morale" of his servants is very good. We hear of the camouflaging of houses, cats, dogs and Fords and know not what next to expect. Possibly manufactures of cosmetics will soon be advertising a facial cream—"A Camouflager of Freckles." Camouflage and morale—both good words when used in the proper place; too good in fact to be killed by over-use.

NOTICE

To Men Whose Pledges for Y. M. C. A. The Treasurer Now Holds—

The formation of the S. A. T. C. and the other changes which have necessarily taken place have so far made it impossible to carry out the plans of the Y. M. C. A. Cabinet for the coming year. However, the work of the Y. is just as essential if not more so than ever before and in order to go ahead and carry out the work, the Y must be put on a firm financial basis. I now hold pledges made by the men at the close of the spring term for the support of this year's work. I am now ready to accept payment of these pledges and shall appreciate a ready response on your part. See me NOW and let us get this matter attended to. Elsewhere in this issue the new S. A. T. C. men will find information in regard to their part in the Y. M. C. A. organization of ALMA COLLEGE.

(Signed) L. D. Barnhart,
Y. M. C. A. Treasurer

IN EMBRYO.

Handley, Kiercy, Lyons and Carmichael have been selected as the soldier quartet and their voices may be heard soaring among the clouds at any hour.

"Had" Davis is working his orchestra hard preparing for future military functions.

Say girls, get those dancing permissions for the big military ball in the near future.

Everybody give "Bob" the sidewalk when he blossoms out in his new No. 12's. He ordered them in proportion to his height not length.

Glenn Richards seems to have gotten instruction from his father about the crooks in the creek.

No cooties in Pioneer Hall. Hair was all ordered cut short.

"Buck" Anderson found a girl but she liked his roommate better.

1st. Sargeant Sharrar gets warm once in a while and boils over.

An illustrious baritone has been discovered among the embryo soldiers in the person of Private Baker.

Mr. Erickson from New Jersey with years of military experience; asked the other day if the Bugler was a non-com. and should he be saluted.

"Pretty" Clark of Detroit asked where the swimming pool was and if there was a decent barber shop in town.

A chance for the girls: Pot Leslie would like lessons in Domestic Science. He mistook meat loaf for cake and hogged off two pieces, placing them besides his plate and then called loudly for meat.

"Nanny" Richards has abandoned his last year's model Packard and changed his name to Paul.

Attention! Wright Hall. Pretty is coming over soon. Watch for him.

More freckish specimens may be seen in the museum from Wright Hall now.

The museum steps have lost their charm.

For service get Temple K. P.

Two baths a week are proscribed in Pioneer Hall. No crumby persons allowed.

Lizzie has left her abode in the museum. Where did she go?

Sergeant Wenger—First Six platoons attention.

Baker, "Say fellows do you know that my girl writes such nice letters that I can feel her in my arms?"

Coach Helmer says that Pioneer Hall is not the place of yore. He heard the worries roling on the floor and saw volumns of smoke issuing from the windows.

George Olmstead has been noticed teaching the semphore. It must be that they intend to converse at long distances.

Wanted—A girl who will come up to my arms. "Bob" Adams.

Wanted—Someone who can answer all of Carroll Bay's questions.

Wanted—Two quiet unassuming women Crittenden and Tomion.

Specimens of dirt were found at inspection Saturday morning and identified as belonging to the pre-historic days of Prof. Mitchell.

Marshall Richards found a girl who knew the road to the Jungle and lost his ring which had adorned the hand of another four years.

It is noticed that several of the old men are preparing to leave ties behind them when they shove off for France.

Anyone wishing to advertise or advertise someone else, hand the information to the scribe.

—By A Gob.

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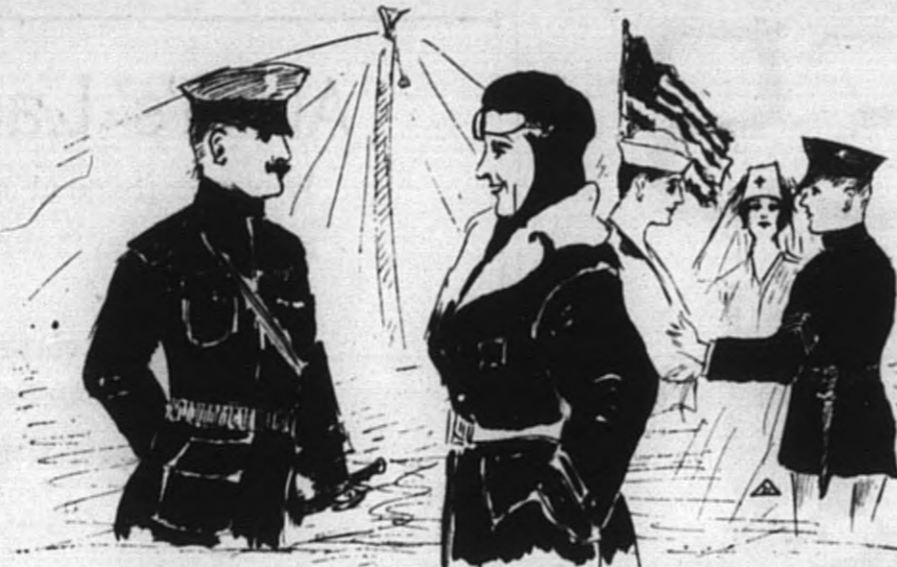
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FROM OUR BOYS IN THE SERVICE

"Tulie" Johnston Writes from France
—Addressed to Pres. H. M.
Crooks.

Saumur, France,
Thursday, Sept. 5m, 1918.

Dear Alma:

I use the word in the plural sense so as to include the family, the students and yourself. You know what a peculiar chap I am. Well, I have been waiting until I should have some real good news for you before writing. The news came at last, this morning and so the letter is on the way. But as in every good story the climax should come in about the middle, at least not in the first paragraph. I shall wait a bit before telling you.

On leaving Camp Custer on May 1 we took a hurried trip down to Camp Jackson, South Carolina; remained there one week which was just seven days to long. One day was a plenty for my ambitions do not run to cotton fields, coons and an average temperature of 100 in the shade. Anyway in that week we were given an examination in mathematics which was I was lucky enough to pass. Next we boarded the Dixie Flyer and presently we arrived in New York, remained there just long enough to get our overseas equipment and spend one day on Broadway and Fifth Avenue. That's no town for a soldier drawing thirty dollars a month. I can remember at least that much about it. Then one fine afternoon we started on our trip across the ocean. "Crossing the Ocean", I had been looking forward to that time and now I realize why it is so thrilling. Our first two or three days out were fine and everything was going lovely until we ran into the rough sea that lasted two days and everybody was sick. It's a fine job being sea sick. I'll admit that I contributed my share to making the ocean deper and the fishes larger and there are very few that come across that do not. Something else that is interesting is passmg thru the submarine zone. I kept my life-belt just as I am going to keep my gas mask, in alert positions at all times.

Finally we arrived in France all O. K., remained at a rest camp for a few days and then came here to Saumur where we have just finished a three month's course in Artillery. There had been rumors around the school that we were to be assigned to the various training camps back of the lines; but our travel orders just came through (and now here is the climax) we leave tonight directly for the front. Isn't that fine? It has been just exactly one year to the day since I went into the army and many times I have wondered just how I should feel when I knew that I was to be actually at the front. Wish I were capable of putting my thoughts and feelings into words. By heck, I feel just like I used to when we were playing football against Olivet at Alma and the referees would call "Ready Olivet", "Ready Alma", and blew his whistle. From then until the ball was kicked off not only myself but every man on the team was keyed up to the highest pitch. That's the way I feel this morning, ready to hit 'em hard and low, and that's the way our football team wants to do this fall. Repeat last year's record and we will be satisfied. If not that, do your best and we will all be satisfied. Am very sorry that Olivet will not be available this fall.

To the Freshman Class I only wish that they have a very full fall and I suggest that it is fitting and proper that there should be an added war tax on the chapel seats. By the way of information to the Freshman, two years ago the total sales amounted to \$12.61 which I have since donated to a charitable organization. (If I remember correctly Dale VanDuzen wrote a check for the odd cent.) Sometime ago I mailed you the

Stripes and Stars, our official war paper, I hope that it has arrived by now. If the Boche would read a few of our papers he would be able to understand just what is in store for him. But I guess he would rather be shown and that is just exactly what we have ben doing in fine shape in the past two months. The outlook is very bright and it is just a question of time until we can get all the machinery in action. Six months, possibly a year; surely not longer than that.

I surely must not pester you longer. In closing I hope that I do not bring dishonor to the star that I represent in our College Service Flag and sing the college song once for me. With the best of good wishes, good luck and regards to all, I remain
Sincerely,
"Tulie."

The above letter needs no editorial mention. It's forcefulness and the true spirit in which it is written speak for themselves. Although one of the older students, Tulie Johnston is well known by name and reputation among all Alma students. In a postscript Mr. Johnston asks that letters be not addressed to Saumur because of the transfer, but says that he will send his address as soon as he is definitely located. We shall publish this address at he earliest possible time.

Parts of Letter from Russell Gaffney.
August 29, 1918.
Somewhere in U. S. Army.

Dear Mother:

Well, everything is fine. I hope everything at home is O. K. Just think, I am on my sixth month in the Army. How time does does fly. Also pay-day is due again. By pay-day we reckon time in the Army. A week after pay-day—and broke, then so many days until next pay-day. We had some trouble with the English money. We were paid in this money—a five pound note, about twenty-four dollars, and it loked like a graduation certificate with all the printing on one side. The printing was in the form of a scroll and finely shaded. The one pound notes are smaller than our dollar bills and also printed on white paper. On the back of this note is the picture of the House of Parliament which I visited when I was in London. The front side of this note is quite complicated, having the king's picture and that of a knight killing a dragon. The pictures are colored in brownish-green and the printing is in green ink. The ten shilling notes look like gum wrappers—pink printing on white paper.

There is a report that there is a bag of mail following us somewhere. I surely hope that it catches up, for I haven't had any mail since we left Camp Mills. This rumor, however, is apt to go up in smoke.

September 10, 1918
Somewhere in Russia.

Dear Mother:

At last we are somewhere and in Russia at that. I suppose everything is all O. K. at home. I surely hope so. I never felt better in my life. I do not know whether I have gained in pounds or not because all the scales are balanced in Russian.

Russia does not look as old as I had expected. All the streets are either rud or cobblestone. There are a few street cars. The horses are all very small and pull from a yoke in the form of an arch, over their necks. All the axles are made of wood and are well greased. The Russian dress is surely queer. I saw one fellow who had a purple silk shirt on that I would like to get my hands on. Some of the girls look like Yankees in their dress. The Russian churches have large globe domes, generally gilded. They have lots of huge bells which when they ring, ring steadily for about forty minutes. One of the

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churches around here has a large picture on it. Looks like hand painting but of course it isn't because the weather would soon destroy it. Another church has pictures of saints all over one side.

There are plenty of wooden sidewalks around here. The Russian language is surely a tongue-twister. Already we have mastered a few words like good and no good thanks, the names of towns, cigarettes, dog, etc. They make a noise like a rattle snake to stop their horses.

Well I must close, with love to all.
Russell.

Letter From Allen Follette.

Wednesday, Aug. 21, 1918.
Aubinges, France.

Mr. D. W. Robinson.

The old counter jumper has reached France at last. We shall have to play that I am studying styles in gay Paris. Just at present though I am billeted out in the country hundreds of miles from anything that looks like a fashion plate.

The people here are about a century behind Alma when it comes to modern conveniences. The cradle is the prescribed implement for cutting grain. Burrows and two-wheeled carts are the fastest Fords the country produces. We also see big draft horses and sometimes good cows.

The people treat us mighty nice though; nothing is too small for

them to do by way of showing us their good will. I surely did have some trip over here. The old pond did not look very inviting to me, not for a swim at least. We only had one bad storm, and that night we went away up and then away down. Most everyone was affected by the natural ailment that night. Not really serious though. All of us came through in spite of our previous doubts.

We, or rather I toured France for several days in a tramp's side door pullman. Outside of the jumps and jolts that we received from an engine that in the states would make a fine watch charm or a toy for the baby, we enjoyed ourselves immensely.

They move here about as the freight we used to look for, meaning that the states are noted for speed, regardless of expenses. But here "safety first" is the motto and everyone moves more slowly.

Say hello to Mrs. Robinson and all my friends at the store. Been thinking strongly of beating up these Heinies and coming back for Xmas. Trade looks rather as if the chances were good, if we can believe all we hear.

Yours truly,
Allen Follette.

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our own lives for greater service later.

It is our aim to make our work as democratic as possible. Every regular member has a part in formulating the program and policy of the society and is encouraged to take an interest in it. In our weekly religious meetings we shall try to secure leaders who will bring us a real and vital message. Every man is encouraged to give some time each day to the study of the Book whose teachings and principles are the very basis and essence of democracy. The Y. M. C. A. room will be made as comfortable and inviting as our means will permit. Every man is welcome and urged to attend our meetings and use our organization. We further urge every man to feel free to ask any officer of the Association for any service which we can render.

We have departed from the fee system of membership, feeling that the basis stated above is more in harmony with the motive of the Y. M. C. A. idea. Finances are raised by voluntary subscription in a separate campaign. Every man of the faculty and student body, at that time, is given the opportunity of subscribing the amount which he feels to be his share in carrying on the work. The faculty and students last year pledged over \$100 to the work of this year. Later in the year the new men will also be given an opportunity to make their contribution. This, however, is purely a voluntary affair. No advertisement is made of individual contributions, and no man is in any way

JOKES



ON THE RIFLE RANGE

"Say, Rook, didn't I tell you to take a fine sight?" growled the Corporal. Don't you know what a fine sight is?"

"Sure I know what a fine sight is," yelled back the rook, "a transport full of Corporals—submarine!"

Dean Roberts—What do you mean by addressing those men as Billy Shakespeare, Bobby Burns and Jimmy Reilly?

Freshman—Didn't you tell me to get familiar with those authors?

Teacher—How many of you Freshmen want to go to heaven? All stood up but one Clarke.

Teacher—Why, Mr. Clarke, don't you want to go to heaven?

Mr. Clarke—Not if that bunch is going.

Charlotte—Lee, I dreamed about you last night.

Lee—You dear girl, did you?

Charlotte—Yes, I think that it was some thing I ate.

Student translating French—And she could not refuse the embrace and kisses

Oh, I can't do that.

"What so ever a man soweth that he shall reap," Sinclair repeated it after his father several times and he had seemed to have mastered the correct wording. As they drew near the church Mr. Tebo gave Sinclair his last rehearsal. "Now son," he said, "What is the golden text for today?" This is what he got, "What so ever a man soweth, always rips."

DO YOUR BIT

Wanted—To know who coined the phrase, "Do your bit." It seems to us that, whoever it was, he must have had small conception of what the word DUTY really means. The fault with the phrase lies, not in the first two words, but in the last, that word "bit." Is not the present struggle, it's aims and furtherance worthy of more than our bit? Can one think of the boys over there, your friends and our friends, fighting your battles and our battles and our battles and then say, "I will do my bit?" One might as well say, "I will do my trifle," for that is the meaning conveyed by this much used phrase. It is more than probable that this phrase was coined at the outset of the war, when things were done by bits. But not so now. It is worthy of our utmost and let us give it gladly. Why not change that word bit to "best." Let it be "I will do my best" in the future.

excluded because he does not give.

Our work is divided among the following committees, which will give some idea of the scope of work:

Social, religious meetings, membership, Bible and social study, deputation, missionary, employment and supervising.

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The officers and chairmen of committees constitute a cabinet which meets weekly to discuss plans and consider the progress of the work. Our constitution is that suggested by the National Association, and will be posted in the Y room, where we will have a bulletin board. We need and ask your co-operation in order that we may make our work efficient. The failure or success of the whole is dependent upon the individual support of each man.

WHO SAID WRIGHT HALL?

The following, entitled "One Evening at Finney" is taken from one of the college papers. Is it not possible that with a few additions and omissions, it might be changed to, "An Evening at Wright Hall?"

The study bell had just rung and the happy family were assembled in room 16, half of them were piled up on the beds, the rest on the dresser, table, chairs, etc. It was the night before biology exam and terror reigned supreme all the biology victims, books, and papers occupy the center of the floor.

Says Margaret, "Say what is the life cycle of the taupole, I never did understand symbiosis and I know that but where does an amoeba lay its eggs?"

Edith claps her hands to her ears. "Oh dear, what a diabolical crowd! Don't you know that an amoeba reproduces by cell division?"

Lorraine: "Give me a bite of that apple. Say, did you see Tate this morning looking at himself in a mirror? I really don't see how he has the nerve."

Lucile: "Well if you'd watch Walch, oh, I mean Smith, maybe you'd know something when he asks you."

Upturning of Lorraine's nose. "Say, aren't the boys in this school the biggest bunch of prunes?"

"Oh, Edith's safe in saying that since Walter's gone. You'd better except Buck for Lorraine's sake too."

Aw, shut up this isn't making the baby a shirt. On with the biology."

"Oh, what's the use of studying that stuff. He won't ask any of it any how."

A loud knock and a bellow of rage. "Who borrowed my sweater? I'm freezing, I don't see why that fool janitor can't keep us warm." And Ruby Dillon stands in righteous wrath.

A soft whistle outside and Katherine runs to her Romeo.

"Say, haven't Frank and Katherine got it awful?"

"Oh, these cases make me sick, why can't all boys be like Charlie Ferguson?" The buzzer begins to whiz.

"Pat's getting sore." Mary: "Now after the larvae goes into the pupa stage, what's H-I-B-E-R-N-A-T-E-S spell?"

"Say, I wish Howard Swan would get out of the library and give Russel and I a chance once in a while."

Dorothy enters reading a letter from Paul. "Dear Dorothy: The landscape is unparalleled, the sunset is glorious—Now girls isn't that a dear letter?—It's to bad you can't all have Paul."

Maurice—"Gee, that aint a love letter. You ought to see the one Mable got yesterday. I can't eat mush for a week."

About this time loud knocks on the bath room door. Help! Succor! Aid!

"Oh dear," says Margaret Rooney, "I locked Heine up in the bath room an hour ago."

"Young ladies, this is study hour," and thunder descends upon the door.

Feet protrude from under beds while pigtailed describe a circle and vanish under pillows. Lois on all fours, occupies one closet while six more are jammed into another.

The Curtain Falls.

Young man (ardently)—I press me suit on me bended knee.

Senior girl(icily)—Haven't you an ironing board?

Freshman: Dr. Brokenshrie is some relation to Eva, isn't he?

Senior. How strange that I never heard about it. Are you sure?

Freshman: Why yes, both she and Peg call him "Uncle Charlie".

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