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STUDENTS ARMY TRAINING CORPS IS NOW A MATTER OF HISTORY

Significant Changes Wrought By Introduction of Military Unit
At Kenyon College--Definite Progress Made Until
Conclusion of Hostilities

Lieutenant Searle M. Brewster, Commanding Officer, Proved
Excellent Executive and General Favorite of
Enlisted Men In Corps

With a personnel of two officers, First Lieut. Searle M. Brewster commanding, and approximately 170 enlisted men, the Kenyon unit of the Students' Army Training corps, beginning operations on Monday, October, 1, 1918, continued in its work of smashing practically every precedent and tradition that Kenyon, as a college, ever boasted; suffered a considerable loss of morale after the armistice was signed, and culminated upon government orders in its demobilization on Saturday, December 14, 1918 much to the great satisfaction of faculty, alumni and students alike.

An impressive ceremony was witnessed by a large gathering of people on the second day of the unit's existence when the company was formed on the campus between the Alumni library and Ascension hall and formally inducted into the service of the United States, President William Foster Peirce and Lieut. Searle M. Brewster making inspiring addresses.

The non-commissioned officers, with the exception of Sergeants Weida and Brewer, who had attended the O. T. C. at Fort Sheridan, Ill., the previous summer, were picked from those having had some military experience before entering the unit and the machinery for turning out good soldiers under the most trying conditions, that of drilling but two hours a day while the remainder of the time was taken up with academic work, was put in motion. The first few days were busy ones indeed for the commanding officer and Lieut. Lawrence B. Maplesden, adjutant. The company was divided into platoons of five squads each besides the detail squad, those men who were over twenty-one and more commonly known as "the dirty dozen." The men were then assigned to quarters, averaging four men to one room, and physical examinations held.

Ravages of the Epidemic

Shortly after the unit was mobilized, an epidemic of the wide-spread Spanish influenza gained a foothold and remained for six weeks. Because of

the fact that there were four, and sometimes five, men in one small room and as the men were crowded into the Philomathesian and Nu Pi Kappa literary society rooms each evening for two hours' study, the epidemic spread with amazing rapidity. Every day for almost a week, men would be seized with the disease and faint while standing in ranks. Ultimately, the West Wing was converted into a hospital and the "flu" victims were there isolated, but not until they had had time to pass the germs on to others.

When men were attacked with the disease, they were taken to their rooms and then not moved to the hospital for at least one day after being attended once by a physician. One man remained in his room for a day and a half with nothing to eat and with no attention whatsoever. Finally, when all the patients were removed to the hospital, conditions were but little better. There was but one physician, Dr. F. W. Blake, to care for over 40
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KENYON ALUMNUS ASSUMES DUTIES AS CHAPLAIN

Rev. Horace Wyndome Wood '11,
New Rector of Harcourt
Parish

The calling of the Reverend Horace Wyndome Wood as Rector of Harcourt Parish and Chaplain of Kenyon College brings a Kenyon graduate into our midst. Rev. Wood attended St. Stephens College for one year. He entered Kenyon at the beginning of his sophomore year, being at that time a resident of Terre Haute, Indiana, and received his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1911.

While a student Rev. Wood was an active and a loyal Kenyon man and was intimately connected with many college activities. He was a member of the Civic Club and a supporter of

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JANUARY ASSEMBLY HOT WITH DEBATE

Discussion Waxes Warm Over
Commons Question-Cafeteria
System Vigorously
Attacked

Committee Nominations Made and
Approved--Record Attendance
Features Early Meeting

The first Assembly meeting of the year was held on Tuesday evening, Jan. 7, and was enlivened by thorough and indignant discussion of the situation at the Commons.

The Assembly was first addressed by Mr. Jerpe as President of the Assembly in the absence of President-elect Snook. Mr. Jerpe urged that all men support the Assembly loyally and co-operate with him in the conduct of the affairs of the organization.

The minutes of the Executive Committee were read covering several meetings of this Committee. Mr. Carr moved that the nominations to the Honor Committee be made by the Senior Council, to be ratified at the next regular or special assembly; the men nominated to serve until such ratification.

Vacancies on the various committees of the Assembly were filled by the following nominations, which were duly ratified. Executive Committee: Carr, Miller, Sant, Pflum, Schneider, Hill, Brewer. Commons Committee: Maire, Miller, Mell, Cable, Sidnell, Olds, Jones. Dormitory Committee: Harper, Davis, McMurray, Gunn, Read, Hill, Mabley, Jones.

Mr. Miller opened the discussion on the Commons by stating that the meeting of the Commons Committee with Dr. Peirce had accomplished nothing. Mr. Miller presented the two plans which had been discussed by the Commons Committee for the consideration of the Assembly: to organize and effect a walkout on the Commons in the hope of forcing the management to better conditions there, or to pay about fifty cents a week additional board, and thus secure better service.

The discussion of Mr. Miller's first suggestion was thorough and lively. The present system at the Commons was strongly condemned and, indignant protests were made against the continuance of the cafeteria system at a Kenyon College Commons. The efficiency of the present Commons management was rigorously attacked.

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BRIGADIER GENERAL KENYON SPEAKS

Grand-Nephew of Lord Kenyon Makes
Interesting Address to Students
In Philo Hall

Proud That College Was Named After
His Forebear--Maintains Original
High Standards

Men returning to Gambier for the day after the opening of the second term were fortunate. Chiefly through the efforts of Bishop Leonard and the President of the College, Brigadier General L. R. Kenyon, grandnephew of the first Lord Kenyon, after whom this institution was named, came to Gambier to visit and to talk to the undergraduates in Philo Hall.

After a brief introduction by Doctor Peirce, General Kenyon took the platform. He began by acknowledging a frank surprise at and a genuine appreciation for, the warm reception accorded him by students assembled to meet his train. He went on to tell

with what curious avidity he had contemplated making the trip, wondering just what type of an institution his forbear had helped to create. Great was his satisfaction, the General declared, in seeing and realizing that Kenyon College upholds the same traditions, the same principles of education, religion and self-government that the better English institutions adhere to.

Religion, General Kenyon went on
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MAJOR W. T. BLAND, '10 IS KILLED IN FRANCE

Brilliant Kenyon Graduate Makes
Supreme Sacrifice

Major William John Bland, Kenyon '10 was killed in action in the battle of Chateau-Thierry, Sept. 12, 1918. Major Bland was one of the most brilliant men that has ever graduated from this college.

"Bill," as he was affectionately known while in college, was interested in all the activities of the school. He was elected president of the assembly, was active in athletics playing on the football team and also the baseball team. He won the Stires prize for excellence in speaking and in 1910 won the Rhodes scholarship and spent three years studying at Oxford University in England. While at Oxford

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R. O. T. C. UNIT TO BE ADJUNCT OF KENYON

Permanent Military Department Begins In March--Institution Fortunate In Securing Establishment

General Plans Made Public Will Satisfy Requirements of Kenyon Trustees

In the days preceding the war their existed in several colleges and universities military units authorized by the government. These by the act of June 3, 1916, were called Reserve Officers' Training Corps with the primary object of providing officer material for the army. With our entrance in the war and the subsequent lowering of the draft ages the R. O. T. C. gave way to the Students Army Training Corps then organized in the greater number of American educational institutions. Now that the colleges have returned to their former pre-war status many of them are re-establishing their R. O. T. C. and many of those who formerly possessed no units are now clamoring for recognition. To date 84 of the organizations have been re-established and 77 new ones have been authorized and 118 applications are now pending.

Kenyon is among the 77 institutions in which the new R. O. T. C. has been authorized.

The work of organizing and providing for this training is in the hands of the Committee on Education and Special Training under the direction of the War Department. From this committee the President of Kenyon College received a telegram announcing the authorization of an R. O. T. C. pending official notification from the Adjutant General of the army and the assignment of a Professor of Military Science and Tactics in the near future. At the present time it appears that the establishment will occur sometime in March. By this arrangement the present day conviction regarding the advisability of college military training and the stipulation of the Trustees on the same subject are fulfilled.

The primary object of the R. O. T. C. is to maintain systematic and standard methods of military training at civil educational institutions for the instruction of possible reserve officers. It is believed that by this method suitable material may be trained with very little interference with civil careers and that in time of national danger a sufficient number of trained and educated men will be on hand to meet the requirements for reserve officers. The accomplishment of this purpose will be the measure of success for units of the R. O. T. C.

The government requires that "no proviso states that the course shall be

such unit shall be established or maintained at any such institution until an officer of the Army shall have been detailed as professor of military science and tactics nor until such institution shall maintain under military instruction at least one hundred physically fit male students." An additional at least of two years duration and that when a student has entered upon it the work shall be a prerequisite for graduation. Arrangements are made for inducement and remuneration to specially capable students who are selected to continue the work in the corps. These men in addition attend the six-weeks' summer camps prescribed by the Secretary of War. The ordinary powers of supervision by the college authorities are in no way affected by the government military training.

To quote the memorandums issued for those interested in the project—the Secretary of War in an address before the Advisory Committee of university presidents and the Committee on Education and Special Training on Dec. 30 indorsed the idea of military training in educational institutions and stated that he hoped the R. O. T. C. would be extended to a great number. He said that there are some handsome things that we have discovered about military discipline and military practice applied to young men of college age. He declared that the discipline and the courtesies which grew out of the relations of military men among themselves and the lessons that the soldiers had learned in keeping themselves "fit to fight" were fine additions to what we have been able to get in colleges and he expressed the hope that they would not all be forgotten.

MAJOR W. T. BLAND

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he was rendered the exceptional honor of being elected President of the Oxford Union an office never before given to other than an Englishman.

In 1914 he returned to Kansas City, Mo., as assistant City Counsel, later teaching in the City School of Law.

Upon America's entrance in the Great War he immediately entered an Officers' Training camp and received his commission as captain in the infantry on August 15, 1917. He was assigned to the 256th Inf. U. S. N. A. and later received a commission as Major of Infantry. It was in the performance of his duties that he was killed.

Kenyon men everywhere will receive the news of Major Bland's death with a genuine sense of regret. The institution has lost one of her noblest sons.

L. H. Tate, '18, recently discharged from the Heavy Artillery Officers' Training School at Fort Monroe, is now teaching at Northwestern Military and Naval Academy, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. Tate visited Gambier in December.

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MOUNTS WIN HANDILY IN PRACTICE GAME

Contest Reveals Possibilities For Good Basketball Team This Year

Mt. Vernon Y. M. C. A. decisively defeated the Kenyon basketball squad by the score of 43 to 17 in Rosse hall Monday, January 6. The game showed lack of practice in the Kenyon team but brought out individual brilliancy in the material.

After a few minutes of exciting basketball the Mounts took the lead and after repeatedly scoring by long shots soon had a twenty point lead which was never in danger throughout the rest of the game.

Read and Seibold were the only veterans of last year's team and both showed up well. Monk only played the last half which was marked by the fact that the Vernonites did not increase their lead. Both teams scoring about evenly. Eddie was there with his speed, repeatedly dribbling to within shooting distance but his eye for the basket was not up to his usual form.

The visiting team was composed of the most part of rangy players, having the advantage in height on our boys. Their shooting was above criticism but for the fact that it was too neatly and regularly done.

Following is a summary:

Kenyon	Mt. Vernon
Read	L. F. Jones
Treat	R. F. Yauger
Maxwell	C. Bond
Walton	L. G. Clements
Cable	R. G. Cunningham
Substitutes—Seibold for Cable.	
Field Baskets—Bond 8, Yauger 8,	
Jones 4, Clements 1, Read 3, Maxwell	
2, Treat 1. Foul Baskets—Bond 5,	
Walton 3, Read 2. Referee—Jerpe.	

RAPID DEMOBILIZATION FORCES OF U. S. BRING NUMBER BACK TO COLLEGE FOR WINTER TERM

The rapid demobilization of the American forces has already permitted the return of a considerable number of men to college from both the army and the navy. Of course the army has the greatest number, being represented by Paul Seibold, '19, 2nd Lieut., Art.; Arthur Sidnell, '20, 2nd Lieut. Inf.; Edward Read, '20, 2nd Lieut. Art.; Donald McAdie, '22, and J. Foster Branch, '21, R. O. T. C., Camp Grant; Leland Gunn, '19, Regt. Sergt. Major, 75th Light Art; Tod Frazier, '19, Corp. Medical Corps, and Edward Pedlow, '19, Pvt. Medical Corps; Lieut. Gorsuch of the Aviation and Corp. Proseus of the Medical Corps have also entered school.

The navy is represented by George Brains, '20, who has received his Ensign's commission since leaving school last spring, Randolph Yerxa, '21, from

the Naval Training Station at Minneapolis and Edward Maire, '21, from the naval unit at Michigan University.

JANUARY ASSEMBLY

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Instances of supposed flagrant waste and inefficiency were brought up. After several strong speeches in favor of a walkout, more conservative men urged earnestly that the Assembly take no action on this matter until after its meeting with Dr. Peirce following his return to the Hill. Such a course was finally agreed upon. Sentiment in the Assembly was unanimously against Mr. Miller's second proposal.

Mr. Mabley now moved that a resolution be handed to Dr. Peirce demanding immediate change, such resolution to be delivered on the floor of the special Assembly to be called upon the return of Dr. Peirce. Mr. Miller amended this motion to read that a committee be appointed to draw up and present to Dr. Peirce, resolutions covering the same point. After some little discussion this motion was defeated.

Mr. Carr urged that conditions at the Commons be thoroughly investigated and that no action be taken by the Assembly until the results of such an investigation be laid before it.

It was moved that a committee be appointed to secure from Kenyon alumni and various colleges information regarding boarding systems. This motion was quickly defeated.

The meeting then adjourned with the Commons question still open. The sentiment of the Assembly seemed to be that no action should be taken until after the return of Dr. Peirce.

KENYON ALUMNUS

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Nu Pi Kappa literary society. He served as president of the Oratorical and Debating Association. In his senior year the student body elected him President of the Assembly. As a member of the Collegian staff and as editor of the 1910 Reveille his work was invaluable.

After graduation he attended the General Theological Seminary in New York City. From 1914-1915 he resided in Indianapolis where he was on the Staff of All Saints' Cathedral. He was rector of St. John's Church, Crawfordsville, Indiana in the ensuing three years. Recently Rev. Wood has been at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind. as Civilian Chaplain under the War Commission. He was called as Rector of Harcourt Parish in November 1917 and again in December, 1918.

In assuming his new duties during these days of reconstruction, Rev. Wood will face many problems and difficulties.

The close co-operation of the undergraduates is vital to the continued residence of any rector of the parish. Kenyon men should take a particular satisfaction in having "one of their own blood" as parish priest.

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The Love of Kenyon's Sons

If I had the time and could break away from the sordid cares of mere life long enough, I would like to write a book. The book would be prejudiced in tone for I am prejudiced. I should title the book, "The Love of Kenyon's Sons." Its chapters would have for their chief complement, reprints from letters written by Kenyon men in active service with the United States military and naval forces.

I should try and try very hard to make my reader live and sympathize with the deeply sentimental authors of the letters. And—I am confident that such a book—abundant as it would be in the soulful outpourings of strong men with strong hearts and strong loves—I am sure, that such a book would have an appeal.

There is a wealth of material. Read, for example, this bit from a man in France who not many months ago was in Gambier, in full enjoyment of the very things he mentions.

"There's a little cafe down along the river bank where all is quiet and where few come because of the distance between it and the camp but those, who like myself, like to take themselves off for an evening now and then just so they may sit and dream over their wine of the things they are missing now. As the darkness settles over the valley and the stars turn out one by one the river is the Kokosing and there it is, the spire of Old Kenyon. It is gone now as the train crosses the bridge and pulls up to the little stone station where I see you all waiting for me. Hello all of you and I am so damned glad to be back,

thought I wouldn't make it this time. It is all just the same as it was when I left in June and the old men all are glad to see each other again but we may not linger long for there is work to be done."

Now, there's devotion—there's love—and he's a strong man whom you know and whom I know!

Here is another letter from an American hospital in France, where he, a man with a heart for Kenyon, lies convalescent.

"I guess I was pretty sick for they telegraphed Dad to come and he put in a couple of days here. Maybe boy, I wasn't glad to see him and one of the first things he said was, "back to Gambier when you get home, son." But there's the rub, for will those dear old trees, those walks, those buildings, those hikes, those "sessions," those nights on the Path be the same when maybe you are the only one of the old class to return? But surely some of the others will come back and then, aside from the mere friendships in the class, there are those of lasting and loyal character which are found in those men of all classes whose meeting place is under Kenyon's outspread wings.

Oh yes, G——, I wax poetic but when I lay in bed more than one dragging hour is spent in dreaming of the old and in contemplation of the new things which I have found and which I hope to re-discover. Last night, and it is one of the few times, I heard Taps and I wondered how it sounded on Gambier's Hill, echoing and re-echoing from Old Kenyon's walls and calling us both to our daily rest. Golly, G——, I hate to make all my letters to you so damned silly and I know they're tiresome but you can rest assured that there isn't an alumnus in this war who can keep his thoughts from drifting to Kenyon and Gambier."

Then, from the high seas, on a United States Destroyer, still a third, voices his passion for Kenyon. "Tonight, I'm on anchor watch. The sea is relatively calm—for we always pitch a bit. These hours with the watch are dear ones for me and there are many of them. I call them my "Kenyon hours." Each night, at this time, my thought intuitively wanders back to Gambier. Each night, my heart responds to a call from Kenyon. The memories are pleasant I have said and yet there is a touch of bitterness, a tang of irony as I grow reminiscent. I am miles away from the place I love. A vast ocean and half a continent separate me from those ivy-covered walls, the shade of those Path trees and from the friends I have there. I never responded much to those words in the "Thrill," "Kenyon, our Mother," while I was in college and I don't suppose you do now, F——. It is funny, though, that I've come to feel toward Kenyon much as I do toward my own mother. It isn't the same affection but it's nearly as strong."

I don't know? Perhaps I am peculiar and maybe my book would have no appeal but, anyway, I, too, love Kenyon and I would enjoy doing it.

Carry On!

Kenyon College is our college. Its individuality has made it distinctly and justly our institution. Never has this been more apparent than during the period of the war. Our men have gone; they have conducted themselves capably and patriotically and in addition they have realized and carried with them certain individual qualities of Kenyon and Kenyon men. What then do we mean by these perhaps not wholly definable characteristics? Are they composed of honor, breeding, education, patriotism perhaps? Yes and more—from the first drop of the hat to the last drop of blood, a Kenyon man has been loyal, loyal above all other things to his country and his college. Never has there been a group or class of men who have talked so enthusiastically, so untiringly on any subject or who have so faithfully upheld the reputation of Kenyon as a college which is clearly outside of the commonplace! If then, we are based on loyalty, on broad sympathy and understanding it is our duty to meet these times unflinchingly, to indicate the just pride of our supporters and to eradicate all personal differences and to some extent subordinate personal views which are at this time clearly a detriment to the well-being of our body as a whole.

Think for a moment that Kenyon belongs to us as it really does. Its prestige is our prestige, its condition is fundamentally and vitally of our concern and its success lies to a large measure in our hands. It is not now a matter of trustees, faculty or alumni, all of whom have our interest at heart, but it is up to us—we are the men who should be most intimately concerned. If we all looked at things in this light and would attempt to be helpful and suggestive rather than destructively critical, more could be accomplished. The fault is in ourselves. This is no time for factions, no time for riot, no time for petty politics. Kenyon is our college! Get behind it and push!

J. K. HAMILTON, '59 DIES AT TOLEDO

Member of Phi Beta Kappa And
Ass't. Professor English--Served
In Civil War

James Kent Hamilton, class '59, residing in the city of Toledo, a loyal and prominent alumnus, of Kenyon College, died early in December.

Mr. Hamilton was a prominent Toledo lawyer and held many municipal offices in that city, among them being that of prosecuting attorney and

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While in college Mr. Hamilton was a diligent student, being elected to Phi Beta Kappa and acting as assistant professor of English for some time. He received his degree of Master of Arts in '62 and LL.D. in '12.

Mr. Hamilton served in the Union forces during the Civil War and was an active member of the G. A. R. and the S. A. R. of Toledo. Mr. Hamilton was a loyal supporter of Kenyon College and the present students hear, with regret, of his death and the passing of one of the oldest living alumni.

FRESHMEN PAINT EARLY THIS YEAR NOT WAITING FOR CLASS CAPS--NEGLECT OLD BACKSTOP

On the morning of January 14 Dicky Doolittle was noticed to be actively engaged in scrubbing the front and sides of his store. Why the activity? According to tradition the Freshmen had painted the town the night before and according to his tradition Dicky was doing his best to obliterate all evidences of the Freshman work.

The Frosh got a little variety into their artistic endeavors this year. In the first place they did not wait for the Sophomores to get their caps for them in order to find out what their colors were to be. They did, however, show unusual judgment, for Freshmen, in that they selected green which is almost sure to be included in the Sophomores choice. In the second place they omitted the back-stop. Apparently they do not wish travelers on the C., A. & C. to know that there is such a thing as the Class of 1922.

RESUME OF FOOTBALL SEASON DURING THE S. A. T. C. REGIME

Starting the Season With An Entirely Green Team, Coach Jerpe Whips Into Shape a Machine That Fights Hard Every Minute Though Beaten Four Times

Football under the S. A. T. C. was an entirely different proposition than that which existed during normal times. The short hours of practice, the subservience to military discipline and the ravages of the influenza all hindered the development of a team.

For the first time in years freshmen were allowed to play. This was another thing which had to be fought out. In previous years the freshmen got their training on the freshman teams and were ready when called upon the next season, but this year, besides coaching the older men Coach Jerpe had to teach the high-school players in rudimentary knowledge of the college game. They were all good men but their inexperience in college football was a great disadvantage at the first of the year. However, after only three hours practice and a team composed almost entirely of new men, the squad left the hill to play Mt. Union. A defeat resulted. The game showed the apparent faults and shortcomings of the team and with the old Kenyon fight correction was sought. Team-work was decidedly lacking, and the next game saw a second defeat at the hands of the strong Miami team, later state champions. But defeat only strengthened the team and put new ardor into its blood.

Practice followed practice, each successive one being longer and stiffer than the previous one, and gradually there could be seen a smooth playing, a spirit of confidence which had been lacking in the first part of the season. That week-end the Mauve eleven set out to accomplish an unprecedented thing, to beat Wooster, an undefeated team for three seasons. The game was a fight from the first. Again and again Wooster would come down the field, even getting to the five-yard line and again and again they would be held, held with a strength and determination which was astonishing. Run followed run, down followed down, the ball went back and forth thru the air many times, but yet neither side gave, neither side scored, and it finally settled down to a struggle of endurance and brute force. Although out weighed to the man, the handicap did not seem to matter little to the diminutive Kenyon team. Minute by minute the strain of working against heavier odds began to tell on the team, and all at once it happened—a drop-kick from the fifteen-yard line and Wooster had scored three points.

Again the hard, fast play began and as the minutes passed the Mauve began to weaken under the drive and plunge of the heavier team. In the last quarter Wooster scored, scored the touchdown which won the game.

Otterbein was next. They too held us—held us in contempt, for were they not about to play a team which had not won a game? The time for the game came, and from the start it was a one-sided proposition, Kenyon's first touchdown being made in the first five minutes of play. It was really pathetic to see them try to stop the Mauve. Kenyon tore thru their line, raced around their ends, passed over their heads, and made them eat their own scorn.

The next and last game was with Wittenberg. The team started off the night before in a pouring rain, a rain which did not break until just before the game the next day, so when the teams lined up for the kickoff it was on a field of mud. Again Kenyon had the lighter team, and a light team and a muddy field do not go well together, yet

the game was played, and with a fight and with a punch. With Coach Jerpe's teachings and Captain Treat's actions the team played as they had never played before. Slip, slide, fall fourth down, and the dull thump of the wet ball could be heard time after time. The players were covered from head to foot with mud; it was in their ears, their mouths, their eyes, but still they kept up. Rush followed rush, slide followed slide, fall followed fall and neither side scored. The game was coming to a close, and the score was the same, not a point had been made.

There were only a few more minutes to play when a sudden fluke, one of those unexpected turns of fortune turned the tide. And on Kenyon's twenty-five yard line Wittenberg was preparing for a drop kick, a final try for a score. In the mud and water the two teams crouched breathlessly for the snap of the ball. Suddenly there was a slide, a heavy, soggy thud and the water soaked ball spun crazily toward the goal. It seemed to veer in its unsteady course and for the moment a hush fell over the field, but the next instant it wobbled thru the goal posts and Wittenberg had won—three to nothing.

Matter not the scores, the season was successful as Kenyon seasons go. Despite the flu, despite the military authorities, despite the new, green team, the season was ended with an eleven that any Kenyon man could well feel proud of.

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**Fall Unusually Productive of
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ern Gridiron Teams
Best**

By DR. LACY LOCKERT

EDITOR'S NOTE:—The West has few sporting critics who follow the course of the great American college game more closely than does Dr. Lacy Lockert. The Collegian is fortunate in being able to publish each year, his survey of football activities.

In 1918 American football passed through its leanest season in a score of years. The war, of course, was a handicap to it, for though the number of men attracted to the S. A. T. C. and the permission of freshmen to participate in athletics in a measure offset the losses of old material, there was not enough time to be found for practice under the military regime to teach the game as well as formerly. But what the war could not work, the influenza accomplished; practically all October games were canceled; and the season was cut short to one full-crowded month. So brief a time did not permit a proper development of latent prowess. If our survey included service elevens, there would be no dearth of strong teams or All-American material as compared with other years; but the records of intercollegiate sport, with which alone we are concerned, do show such a dearth. There was less falling off in the Middle-west than anywhere else, but even there a certain amount of it. Not that the very best players and teams of this year did not compare favorably with those of former years. They did. The trouble was that there were so few of both.

Yet the task of the reviewer is not thereby simplified. Though he has less stuff to get tangled up in, he has far fewer clues to help him untangle what is really there. The absorption of every one in those gigantic events which were re-making the world reduced the sporting news to a minimum, and moreover the shortened schedules afforded much fewer opportunities for comparison of men and elevens than a season is wont to allow. There is an utter inadequacy of records for my task, and I must plead more than usual indulgence for possible—nay, probable—inaccuracy.

The four most notable contests of the year all need a word of comment. The greatest attention was attracted by the Pittsburgh-Georgia Tech. game,

widely advertised as being for the national championship. Pittsburgh's victory was overwhelming, and people all over the country declared that the boasted Golden Tornado of the preceding year had been proved to be but a zephyr, and its pretensions to national supremacy farcical. To any thoughtful man it proved nothing of the sort. The result of a contest between the teams of two institutions cannot, taken blindly, prove anything about their relative strength in some other year. The Tech. team of this year was without half of its last year's backfield and without all but one man of its last year's line. The weakest man of that last year's backfield played on the Cleveland Naval Reserve team this year, and when we read of him taking off three would-be tacklers in one run as interference for his quarterback, we can realize what stuff the Golden Tornado was made of in its hey day. This year's Tech. team is not more than fifty per cent as strong as last year's, while Pittsburgh is, in my opinion, even stronger than then. She has gained the one cog which I pointed out last season was lacking to make her a great machine: a fast, elusive halfback to open up her play, and he, Davies, is the best man of that type in the country. The recent game has made me more, rather than less, inclined to believe that Georgia Tech. was a better team than Pittsburgh in nineteen seventeen.

The game they did play in nineteen eighteen was interesting as demonstrating two things which have been demonstrated before now, but need to be shown over again occasionally: first, that a jump-shift attack, such as Tech. relied on almost exclusively, is absolutely helpless against a team as strong as its user; and secondly, that a team which has encountered hitherto no effective opposition has its troubles when it meets a worthy rival which has already had to fight in some of its games. Pittsburgh is not really thirty-two points stronger than Tech. At straight football the ratio of ground they gained was only five to three. Pittsburgh's celebrated line-plunging game was pretty well smothered. But Tech. had had no practice in defense against forward-passing executed with any real deception, or in covering kicks against a runner who necessitated first-class tackling, or in holding on to the ball when hit hard and low. Consequently at the test her men did none of these things, and between that failure and the long trip and the unfamiliar weather conditions they were confused and demoralized.

Pittsburgh in turn tasted the bitter pill, taking from the Cleveland Naval Reserves her first defeat in several years. It simply went to show that no

team can play three games of football in eight days and "get away with it" against any sort of respectable opposition. Even so, Pittsburgh came very near doing it, the call of time at the end of the first half robbed her of what would have been the winning touchdown, then only one yard away. She led all the game till the last quarter, and then tired nature rebelled and Cleveland crashed through to victory. I think under equal conditions Pittsburgh could have beaten the Cleveland eleven by at least three touchdowns.

By a queer freak of chance the next strongest team of the year, Annapolis, lost its main contest through even harder luck. Fumbles are a part of football, but the fact remains that Annapolis was two touchdowns better than Great Lakes instead of one point worse, for it was on the final plunge that would have given her a second touchdown that she fumbled and a service man ran the length of the field for a winning score. It is a pity Dobie could not have matched his middies against Pittsburgh; they met no other opponent at all worthy of their steel. A game between Pittsburgh and Annapolis would have been close, though it is generally conceded that Warner's men would have won it. Both teams were really better, regardless of the season's scores, than any service eleven, of whom three, Chicago Naval Reserve, Great Lakes, and Cleveland Naval Reserves, were about on a par and next in calibre below them of any teams in the land. Service football is somewhat like Massillon-Canton professional football in the qualities it demands. Rugged strength counts for more in it than polish; its brightest star was the Cleveland fullback, Ducote, formerly of Alabama Polytechnic institute at Auburn; whereas such a man as, for instance, the once-renowned Mahan of Harvard, an infinitely greater player, would not likely have done so well.

Another game which attracted great attention was the 54-14 debacle which Rutgers suffered at the hands of Great Lakes. Here, too, there is an inner history. Rutgers had no scrub team to practice against; her men were unprepared to bring down a phantom like Driscoll, and having had no grueling scrimmage work, were in no physical condition to last out a grueling game. At the start everything was Rutgers, and early in the second quarter she was actually leading at 14-0; then came exhaustion and utter collapse. The reversal of form was startling, but it is not without precedent or parallel. I have myself seen at Nashville, Tennessee, several years ago, an unconditioned Sewanee team march straight down the field against Vanderbilt twice from the kick-off and then by the end of the game have some 60 points piled up against her, being torn to pieces like paper by Vanderbilt third-string men before the game was over. The case of Rutgers was simi-

lar, only it was not her fault, but the result of a season in which everybody had to cut his coat according to the cloth.

The probably correct order of merit for the few teams which stand out this year would be: 1 Pittsburgh, 2 Annapolis, 3 Illinois, 4 Michigan, 5 Syracuse, 6 Georgia Tech, 7 Rutgers, 8 Iowa. There is then quite a gash before the ninth is reached, and several teams would dispute a badly tangled ranking. Michigan beat Syracuse 16 to 0 in a field of slop in which the giant Orange team simply could not stand up or get started. On firm ground I should not be surprised at a Syracuse victory. Annapolis and Illinois were especially smooth-working, well-balanced aggregations, practically without stars. I do not place Princeton or consider her men on the honor eleven because she played only two games and neither of these was with a college team. Otherwise she would probably have filled the ninth place, and in selecting the thirty-three men of the All-American squad, Harvey at end and Murray at quarterback would have been considered. As usual, we are concerned only with the territory east of the Rocky Mountains.

The appended All-American selections do not call for any lengthy comment. Guyon and Robeson, the two great stars of last year, did not shine as brilliantly this season, but are still among the most valuable players in the country, especially the latter. Henry of Washington and Jefferson is a man who did not get a chance to display his real worth. Davies, with his wonderful open-field running, was the sensation of the campaign; Goetz was a tackle who would stand out in any year. The material is weakest in the middle of the line. High-class centres are as scarce this season as they have been super-abundant hitherto. For guards on the first eleven I have rejected the more spectacular players and chosen men who were notably good in rush-lines which as a whole were marked for consistency in opening up the enemy's front. Hohr weighs around two hundred pounds and is very active, while as for Rollins, he was the best man outside of Robeson in the Rutgers line, and it must not be forgotten that, though beaten 21-0 first downs to her opponent's two, and by Syracuse, Rutgers made sixteen practically all on straight plunging, thereby showing what her rush-line did to the huge Up-state forwards.

Each of the three teams, as selected, could play an all-round game. Ackley to Schwarzer was the most famous forward-pass combination of the year, while on the second team that of Lahman to Reed was hardly less celebrated. And of course Robeson is the supreme receiver of them all. It is rarely that even an All-American team has behind its line two such interferers as Guyon and McLaren, and

ALL-AMERICAN TEAMS

Position	First Eleven	Second Eleven	Third Eleven
Left End	Robeson, Rutgers	Hopper, Pennsylvania	Weeks, Brown
Left Tackle	Hilty, Pittsburgh	Scaffe, Annapolis	Henry, Wash. and Jefferson
Left Guard	Mohr, Illinois	Alexander, Syracuse	Ethel, Pittsburgh
Centre	Vick, Michigan	Day, Georgia Tech.	Heaply, Georgetown
Right Guard	Rollins, Rutgers	Perry, Annapolis	Hunselman, Iowa
Right Tackle	Goetz, Michigan	Usher, Syracuse	Ingwersen, Illinois
Right End	Schwarzer, Syracuse	Reed, Iowa	Ewen, Annapolis
Quarterback	Ackley, Syracuse	Robb, Columbia	Fletcher, Illinois
Left Halfback	Davies, Pittsburgh	Flowers, Georgia Tech.	Frisch, Fordham
Right Halfback	Guyon, Georgia Tech.	Steketee, Michigan	Roberts, Annapolis
Fullback	McLaren, Pittsburgh	Lohman, Iowa	Ingram, Annapolis

both of these are also splendid defensive men. The letter for straight smashes, the former to pound off tackle, and Davies for wider runs would be a winning combination. The whole varsity backfield throws the forward-pass deftly; Guyon is a good punter and Ackley a better than good one; while Ackley is a drop-kicker of the first water. Davies and Ackley could handle the hostile punting. On defense I would let Robeson back up, throwing Goetz out to end, his old position, and playing Vick on the line of scrimmage.

In modern football the deadliest weapon of attack lies in the possession of one man, who can kick, pass, or run equally well, dropped back into the kicker's position as a "universal threat." Ackley or Guyon could fulfil this function on the first eleven. On the second team any one of the four backs could do it; especially Steketee, who is the best all-round kicker of the year, or Flowers. Frisch is the versatile man in the third-string combination. Fletcher is given a place there, not for brawn but for brains, in the possession of which he leads every other quarterback in the country.

Players not selected but worthy of mention were: Baker of Vanderbilt and Fincher of Georgia Tech. at end; Murray of Annapolis, Mervis of Pittsburgh, Davies of Vanderbilt, Hubka of Nebraska, and Framson of the Michigan Aggies at tackle; Huggins of Brown and Rose of Fordham at guard; Arthur of Annapolis at centre; Bahan of Notre Dame, Uuderhill of Northwestern, and Knode of Michigan at quarter; and, among halves and fullbacks, Easterday and Gougler (nominally a quarterback) of Pittsburgh, Butler of Annapolis, Peyton of Northwestern, and Gipp of Notre Dame.

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cases, and eight men in the company with experience that was negligible, were picked out to act as nurses. It was because of the alarmingly poor conditions that prevailed in caring for the men, it is thought, that caused several cases to develop into pneumonia. When the wave had reached and past its crest, nurses were secured

and cared for the remaining cases.

During the epidemic two of the unit, Verner Lee Hulse and Neal Jones, succumbed to the dreaded disease.

About the middle of October another officer, Lieut. John J. Kindel, was assigned to the unit as rifle instructor. Of course, it was a small matter and Washington was a busy little town about that time, but, nevertheless, it may be imagined that it was a trifle difficult to instruct the men in the manual of arms and in shooting when there were no rifles. However, that was but one of the multitudinous slightly disconcerting arrangements in the "fall campaign of the Hill."

When the unit had been operating but one month, orders were received to send five men to the O. T. C. at Camp Grant, Ill. Sergeants Weida, Snow, Corporal Branch, and Privates MacAdie and Walter were the men chosen.

Peace Celebration, a Joyful One

November 11—It is superfluous to mention what happened on that day. When the news first reached Gambier, recall was blown and the men raced to the front of Old Kenyon where pandemonium reigned for half an hour. At the end of the first period of rejoicing, the company was formed and marched through the streets of the village, singing. In the afternoon, the unit joined with the entire town in a big parade. Later the men were taken to Mt. Vernon and there paraded in the main streets. Had it not been known and whispered around, that the Kenyon unit was coming to Mt. Vernon the residents of that place might easily have mistaken the heterogeneous lot of marching men for a parade of factory employees as the government, evidently not caring to have the men in the Kenyon unit be divested of their individuality and foreseeing the end of the war shortly after the establishment of the S. A. T. C. units, had carefully not provided the men with any of their equipment.

Just before supper on that day of days, Lieut. Brewster announced that study hall would be dispensed with for that evening and, according to the usual Kenyon custom of celebrating any big event, a bonfire should be had. Immediately after evening mess, the majority of men went in quest of wood while others busied themselves in mak-

ing a dummy Kaiser. The "army" was then called together and 13 men chosen to hold a general court martial for the trial of that notorious figure in world history. Needless to say, he was convicted and sentenced to be burned in effigy. Carrying out the sentence, the "beast of Berlin" was tied to a stake on top the enormous pile of wood and the blaze started while the men indulged in the usual "snake dance" around the fire. Following this, and to close the evening speeches were made by President Peirce and Lieut. Brewster.

With the lifting of the quarantine, which was prevalent during the influenza epidemic, a company dance was agitated; a committee was appointed and worked tirelessly for the next few days to give the company the pleasure of attending a dance as nearly like a Kenyon dance as one could be under the circumstances. On Friday, December 6, Rosse hall was a veritable fairyland for the men who had been kept under the quarantine for so long and they "tripped the light fantastic" until the wee, sma' hours to music furnished by Parker's orchestra.

Shortly before the unit was disbanded, President Peirce presented medals to five men for excellence in military and academic work, their standing being compiled from a list tendered him by the commanding officer and from faculty reports. The medals were struck by the municipality of Verdun in commemoration of the defense of that city in 1916 and were secured by Dr. Peirce in a tunnel underneath the city.

The following were the awards: For excellence in both military and academic work, standard medal, Sergeant Henry C. Wolfe of Coshocton; souvenir medals for the same work, Sergeant Robert C. Heinbuch and Corporal Kenneth C. Kastor both of Cleveland.

For excellence in military work, First Sergeant Isaac C. Brewer.

For excellence in scholarship, Corporal William P. Wiseman of Lancaster.

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F. B. Shaner, '17, Bexley, '18, has charge of a parish in Cleveland.

F. D. McGlashan, '08, is with the United Sanitary Co. at Canton, Ohio.

E. E. Neff, '94, Captain in the Engineers, stationed at El Paso, spent a few hours on the Hill recently.

J. L. Snook, ex'19, is training at Key West for Naval Aviation. He expects to return to College in April.

John Larcomb, 'ex'16, visited the Hill for a few days during the S. A. T. C. He is a sergeant in the Chemical Warfare Service and is stationed at Edgewater Arsenal, Maryland.

H. S. Downe, ex'18, Ensign, U. S. Navy, is a Paymaster at the Naval Aviation School, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston, Massachusetts. "Fuzzy" and wife were guests of the early fall.

D. H. Wattley, '17, was in Gambier for a few days. He is an Ensign in the Navy and is stationed temporarily at New York, returned to the Hill for a short visit, the last of November.

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preparatory to demobilization were given and on the next day the unit was demobilized.

Great Changes During S. A. T. C. Regime.

Imagine, Mr. Alumnus, the Commons being turned into a mess hall or the cafeteria plan with no table cloth and no napkins, the divisions being divested of all furniture and made barracks, the Alumni library being a study hall where all men marched to study when they had no classes and no one being allowed in said "barracks" except for a few minutes at noon, just before and after supper. Imagine Kenyon men tumbling out of bed at 5:45 in the morning to the call of a bugle and "standing reveille" a full half hour before breakfast, making their beds, sweeping out their rooms before breakfast, and the rising bell being rung only in case of a fire or fire drill! Truly, the government turned things topsy-turvy.

To First Lieut. Brewster, commanding, is given the honor of making the unit what it grew to be—the best unit for its size, in the whole of the S. A. T. C. A man with a good mind and a strong character, a disciplinarian of the first order and at the same time having the interests of his men ever at heart. Kenyon may well feel exceedingly fortunate in having the service of such a man to command it: "first army corps."

As to the real success or failure of the S. A. T. C., one should be wary in pronouncing judgment because of the fact that the armistice was signed and the men demobilized before it had been given a fair trial. However, Dr. Charles F. Twing, president of Western Reserve university, approaches a complete summary of the training corps in

the following words: "The college man has acquired formal courtesy, wealth, industry and a thorough democratic spirit, but—higher education, culture, intellectual breadth and liberal learning have been retarded."

The personnel of the officers stationed at Gambier to train the Kenyon unit, was as follows:

First Lieut. Searle M. Brewster, commanding, Belfast, Me.

Second Lieut. Lawrence B. Maplesden, adjutant, Chicago, Ill.

Second Lieut. John J. Kindel, rifle instructor, Cleveland.

Second Lieut. Jesse C. Williams, Fort Stockton, Texas.

BRIG. GEN. KENYON'S SPEECH

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to explain, constitutes the foundation of all education and in the college, the Church has a valuable medium for the dissemination of its message into the hearts of men. The Kenyon family has been for many years a strong Church family—the escutcheon of his line has for a motto, "Magnanimiter crucem sustine." Perhaps the strongest appeal, Bishop Chase had when he went to the first Lord Kenyon nearly a century ago was the religious one. The General said that he took no little pride in seeing that to this day the very standards for which his ancestor must have hoped, were maintained at Kenyon College.

Insistently denying the ill-founded rumor that shortly the United States

would war with England, General Kenyon contended that the war had done more to unify the two countries than any other event in the last century. We are one in principle and agree perfectly on peace terms. Quoting from his experience with the British War Mission in this country, he showed that a significant missionary work would be accomplished by Englishmen stationed in this country upon their return home. Everywhere has the Briton been received cordially and he will take back to England with him a modern view of the American which will pleasantly astound his uninformed countrymen.

In closing, General Kenyon waxed enthusiastic and assured his audience that his Gambier visit would be a decidedly pleasant memory of his American experience. Typical Kenyon songs followed the General's address after

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General Kenyon's work in this country has been with the Bureau of Inspection, British War Mission, in New York City. He was accompanied to Gambier by Colonel Lydon, a member of his staff.

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