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KINNEY AND FALLON WRITE DR. RICHMOND

Both Ex-'20 Men Are in U. S.
Auxiliaries.

KINNEY PROMOTED.

Sanitary Troops of Fallon's Com-
pany Always on Move;
Few Officers.

Among the letters which President Richmond has received from the men of the class of 1920 who are in the service those written by George F. Kinney and George J. Fallon are particularly interesting, published below. Kinney enlisted early last fall in the 305th Ambulance Company at Camp Upton, Long Island. Fallon, two of whose letters to Dr. Richmond are given herewith, is in Headquarters 7th Sanitary Train, Camp Wheeler, Ga.

Kinney's letter is as follows:
"Dr. Charles A. Richmond,
"President of Union College,
"Schenectady, N. Y.

"Dear Sir: Your letter of the 22nd received today and you have no idea how glad I feel to know that I may some day return to good old Union.

"I have worked hard since my enlistment and I have been rewarded. I have been promoted from a private to a sergeant and I feel quite proud of myself. I know I deserve my good promotion and I shall continue to work hard and go higher.

"We intend to train here for about four months. No one but the officers know this fact, that we expect to sail for France in February so as to be there for the spring drive against the Germans. I am glad to think that I am to represent Union in the battle front in Europe among all the other colleges and universities.

"There is something I would like to have you do for me. I want a football schedule for this fall season. I know that Union is to play Columbia and U. Y. U., both games to be played in New York. The games are no doubt played sometime during October on Saturdays. If they are I can procure leave of absence to go over to see those games. I want to know if you can procure for me a pass to each game, so that I may once more sit with the Union rooters and shout for the Union eleven. Last year I was on the team and never then

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CALENDAR

Tonight.

7:30 P. M.—Press Club, Washburn Hall.

Thursday.

1:00 P. M.—Meeting of CONCORDIENSIS Board, Washburn Hall.
2:30 P. M.—Special Military Class under Col. Goldman, Gymnasium.
3:30 P. M.—Special Military Class under Prof. Taylor, Engineering Building.

COLLEGE BATTALION SEEN IN CINEMA SHOWING LIBERTY LOAN PARADE

The first public appearance of the Union College R. O. T. C. since its recognition by the War Department last fall was most auspicious when the organization turned out last Saturday in the Liberty Loan parade fully uniformed and as completely armed as was possible under the circumstances. Of the military organizations which appeared in the parade, the four platoons of Union cadets elicited fully as favorable a comment as did any other unit. Some of the press reports were even flattering.

As the result of a new plan of the Proctor Theatre management for increasing the gate receipts of the local

playhouse, members of the Union R. O. T. C. are now in a position to experience the feelings of "Doug" Fairbanks and Charlie Chaplin at seeing themselves on the movie screen. During the first three days of this week, Proctor's has been showing motion pictures of last Saturday's parade, including movies of the whole of the college battalion. That the cinema, which was stationed on lower Union Street, caught every feature of the march at a given point is undeniable. It is possible that silent tramp of the khaki-clad warriors on Proctor's screen may prove a clarion call for further enlistment in the battalion.

TAYLOR AND GORHAM NEW CONCORDY HEADS

Rosenberg Elected Managing
Editor and Cline Made
Sports Editor.

At a meeting of the Publication Board Monday afternoon, an entire new editorial and business staff of THE CONCORDIENSIS was chosen. While the new editorial staff will take immediate charge of making up THE CONCORDIENSIS issues, the new business management will not take charge until the departure from college of William Kennedy, Jr., '18, the present Business Manager.

Brenton T. Taylor, '19, of Hartford, was elected Editor-in-Chief. Taylor is a lieutenant in the college battalion, Editor-in-Chief of the 1919 Garnet, secretary of the Honor Court, a member of the Interfraternity Council and of the Phi Alpha Society. He is also a member of the Delta Phi fraternity.

Henry E. Rosenberg, '19, of Glens Falls, was elected Managing Editor; William R. Barnett, '19, of Newburgh, Literary Editor, and James Cline, '20, of Amsterdam, Sporting Editor. Rosenberg is manager of the Press Club; Barnett is assistant manager of basketball, manager of the 1919 Garnet, and a member of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity; and Cline is secretary and treasurer of the Classical Club and a member of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

John W. Hoag, '20, and George D. Rosenthal, '20, were chosen Associate Editors. Hoag is a member of the Sigma Phi Society. J. L. Alden, G. D. Allison, S. E. Armstrong, J. L. Davis, W. E. Howland and G. E. M. King were chosen from the Freshman class as reporters.

The business staff will be made up of Karl H. Gorham, '19, of Lenox, Mass., as Manager, with William P. Dougall, '20, of this city, and Elmer L. Smith, '20, of Hagerman, as Assistant Managers. Gorham is assistant manager of baseball, secretary and treasurer of the Interfraternity Council, a member of the Honor Court and

HOERNLE DISTINGUISHES 'TWEEN TRUTH AND ERROR

A Difference Between Error and
Ignorance: Other Factors
Are Involved.

The problem discussed by Professor Hoernle in his lectures this week was: How can we distinguish between truth and error? In his Monday lecture he proceeded as follows: "The lack of ability in one to prevent error is evident. His memory and senses upon which he relies for his judgments are likely to misinform him. During a lecture to a body of law students, the lecturer caused a mock murder to be enacted and the accounts of it by the students differed widely from the truth.

"The recognition of this universal weakness has led some men to believe that the attainment of truth is impossible. Skepticism is the result. The problem at hand it, however, to find a means of identifying truth and error rather than to discuss the certainty of propositions.

"Do truth and error bear the same relations to each other as knowledge and error? There is a sense of ignorance which goes beyond error. The following experiment will illustrate this point."

Professor Hoernle then asked if any one knew the meaning or connection of a word which sounded like the following might, Nabicusdousi. No one admitted that he did.

"This," said Prof. Hoernle, "is not an error on your part: it is rather your lack of knowledge. Obviously then error does not correspond to a lack of knowledge.

"In every statement where error occurs, there is a possibility of one or more of these factors being responsible: the person, the words used, and the meaning intended. We shall assume the person not implicated.

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of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity. Dougall is a member of the Psi Upsilon fraternity and Smith belongs to the Pyramid Club.

UNION R. O. T. C. GIVEN ITS FIRST INSPECTION

Result of Exam Will Determine
Standing of Corps.

UNIFORMS ARE ISSUED

Battalion And Special Class
Study General Outpost
Problems.

The Union R. O. T. C. was looking at its best today when it was given its first annual official inspection by an officer of the 22nd U. S. Infantry and acting inspector general. The examination has been expected for some weeks and preparations have accordingly been made in order that the battalion may present the best possible appearance. Upon the result of the findings of the inspection will depend, it is believed, the future standing of the local unit among college R. O. T. C.'s, always an important consideration with the quartermaster general and chief of ordnance, by whom requisitions for supplies are always approved.

The local quartermaster's department has now finished the work of issuing uniforms to the men of the battalion. With the exception of the lack of a few collar ornaments, the Union cadets are now fully equipped with khaki and O. D. wool.

A review of the cardinal principles of patrolling and trench construction were the subjects first discussed in the class for officers and non-commissioned officers yesterday. Special emphasis was placed upon the necessity for resourcefulness in patrol commanders. The instructor also made emphatic the need of advance guard patrols keeping as far as possible from the body of troops from which it has been sent. This, it developed in yesterday's class, is one of the chief criticisms of the conduct of the advance guards which have been the protection of the Union battalion at the last few outdoor drills. The rest of the class hour was spent in the discussion of a new problem of the infantry unit in the field, the use of outposts. By means of two diagrams, Cadet Lieut. Townsend, who conducted the class yesterday, explained the composition and disposition of the units of this branch of security service. One diagram showed a system of placing and identifying the outpost units of a battalion on outpost service, the diagram being drawn, for purposes of clearness, without reference to topography. The units in the line of observation and those of the line of defense were indicated at arbitrary distances. The conduct of the outposts on the approach of the enemy was discussed in some detail. The second diagram represented an actual problem of the

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The Sugar Snow.

The snow which covered the ground today was the sugar snow. In the spring of the year, when it freezes nights and thaws days—good sap weather—heaven usually sends the sugar snow. Man makes most of his holidays, to celebrate his great deeds or the birth of his great men, but certain festal seasons are decreed by Nature herself. The sugar snow gives the sign for one of Nature's holidays, or rather holy-nights, for at night is held the feast of jackwax and sugarin'-off. How many who smack their lips over griddle-cakes and syrup on a frosty morning know what jackwax is? How many epicures who profane the institution of griddle-cakes and syrup by ordering them at Joe's late at night, unhallowed and ungracious time for eating them, know what it is to sugar-off? Not many of the brood of earth-born men who were not nursed in old Vermont, know either jackwax or sugarin'-off. But a Vermonter knows that when Nature in her bountiful care sends the sugar snow the time has come for jackwax and for sugarin'-off. The uninitiate may have his syrup or his sugar moulded in little cakes with fluted borders, but neither contains the soul of the sap.

When the sugar snow comes the

Vermonters puts a pot of syrup on the fire and boils it down, until it hairs. Like many delicate culinary feats it must be carefully and exquisitely done. Boiled too long, the syrup when cooled will harden to an adamant firmness. If not boiled sufficiently it will never "sugar." But if removed from the fire at the climactic point and then dropped in irregular streams or in little puddles on a pan of snow—the clean, white new-fallen sugar snow which Heaven has vouchsafed for the very purpose—the hot syrup cools and hardens just enough to hang together when picked up. Intussuscepted, it sticks to the teeth, allowing the delicious honey-sweet to abide and extaticize the gustatory nerve. This is jackwax.

If instead of dropping the rich hot liquor on the snow, a saucerful is stirred round and round and round, rapidly, its dark brown hue gradually evanesces and there appears a lovely whitish-yellow, a coffee-color though fairer far, and the syrup hardens just enough to be scooped up easily in the spoon for conveyance to the mouth. This is sugarin'-off.

Jackwax and sugarin'-off! Sweeter nectar than "lucent syrups tinct with cinnamon"! Ambrosia of a straight-laced but kindly people, that does not surfeit, though it is best to have a dish of sour pickles laid out as an antidote to the quintessence of sweetness.

UNION R. O. T. C. GIVEN ITS FIRST INSPECTION

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distribution of a number of companies on a given section of terrain, the strategic points being roads.

A melancholy mixture of rain and snow kept the battalion indoors for drill yesterday. The time was well utilized in the gym, however, in polishing off some rough spots in the work of the companies deployed in skirmish line. Some time was given to the explanation of signals to men in open order formation and the three companies deployed, fired, and assembled repeatedly, commands being given entirely by signal. The position of the individual men in skirmish line was observed and corrected by the battalion officers. At five o'clock the battalion went through the form of guard mounting, in the performance of which duty officers and men showed increased proficiency. The close of the drill period was spent in the presentation of the subject of outposts. Excerpts from a recent work on military science were read to the men describing a daring sham attack on "enemy" outposts wherein the attackers cleverly pierced the line of sentinels and picket squads to a raid on the "enemy" support in the line of defense.

In connection with the recent defeat of the resolution in the State Legislature, it is interesting to note that the University of Washington has recognized the value of knowing the language of the enemy and has established classes in German at Camp Lewis. The acting Dean said that it was imperative that the men stationed at listening posts understand the commands of the German officers.

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"That truth or error should be in the words is more plausible. Though this is true to a limited extent, the profoundest disputes are not merely verbal. They are a question of the meaning intended or of the logical stability.

"In general there are two theories by means of which the distinction between truth and error is explained. They are the correspondence and coherence theories.

"The oldest and in many respects the most plausible is the correspondence theory. Its main proposition is that truth depends upon the correspondence between the fact and the idea. Its maximum of plausibility is reached in questions involving memory and interpretation. The evidence of perception is its highest count of appeal. For this reason its application is limited to propositions which promise the existence of a condition perceived by the senses.

As a matter of economy, refreshments have been discontinued at dances given at the University of Iowa.

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**MOUNDSTERS PRACTICE IN
SPITE OF SPRING DRIZZLE**

April showers hold no terrors for the Garnet track and baseball men. In spite of the drizzling rain Monday afternoon, candidates for both activities were hard at work. For two hours and a half Jimmy Tamsett kept the battery and fielders busy chasing the ball, confining his attention principally on three sets of pitchers and catchers.

The diamond was in no shape for in-field practice, so the basemen were transferred to the outfield. The batteries are rapidly approaching mid-season form. Bill Hanley, George Hughes and Joe Brucker took the mound and made especial effort to put weight and control behind the ball. Behind the plate were Hal Wittner, Joe Jones and Irv Schwartz, the latter being out for the first time.

April 19 is less than a week and a half distant, when the team will face Columbia. On the following day Union will meet N. Y. U. There is a great deal to be accomplished in this short time, but if the condition of the team continues to improve as it has in the last two weeks, Union will, to say the least, be well represented.

**CONCORDY IN NEED OF
MANAGER CANDIDATES.**

All Freshmen desirous of becoming Assistant Business Manager of THE CONCORDIENSIS should notify "Spider" Gorham at the Phi Gamma Delta house at once. Here is an equal opportunity for any one in college whether he be a fraternity man or neutral, to get into an activity in which he has the work that he has done always before him as a proof of his efficiency. The work consists of the sending out of each issue and the procuring of advertisements. It may be so divided up that each man has to work on only one issue a week.

**NEW CONCORDY BOARD TO
HOLD MEETING TOMORROW.**

A meeting of the new CONCORDIENSIS Board will be held in THE CONCORDIENSIS room, Washburn Hall, Thursday (tomorrow) at one o'clock. The policy of the board and plans for the remainder of this year will be discussed. All members of the board are urged to be present.

ENGLISH CLUB MEETING

The English Club meets Friday evening, April 12, at 8 o'clock. L. J. Fitzgerald '15 will read a paper on "The Vatican and the War."

Princeton Sophomores in the national service are eligible to election to the Princeton clubs according to the regulations of the Club Elections Committee.

**COLLEGE LOSES, SERVICE
GAINS, THREE 1919 MEN.**

During the last few weeks three Juniors have left college to enter the United States service. H. Van Ness Philip, Jr., '19, of this city, arrived in New York last week, where he entered the Quartermaster Corps. Philip's departure leaves a number of vacancies in organizations everywhere on the hill. He was manager of football, vice-president of the Dramatic Club and vice-president of the "U" Club. He is a member of the Phi Alpha society, the Idol Club and of the Musical Clubs. He was president of his class in his Freshman year and secretary of the student body in his Sophomore year. He was on the varsity track squad for two years and during his first year was a member of the varsity cross-country team. He is a member of the Sigma Phi fraternity.

Joseph Manion, '19, who was varsity halfback on this year's football team, left college some time ago to enlist in the naval reserve. Since then he has been stationed at the U. S. N. training camp at Norfolk, Va. He was a member of the 1919 Garnet Board and played on the class basketball team. Alfred Ladd, '19, enlisted at the same time and is also stationed at Norfolk. Both the latter were members of Delta Upsilon fraternity.

**DRAMATIC CLUB AGAIN
CHANGES PLAN FOR PLAY**

Change of plan continues to feature the work of the Dramatic Club. Owing to a conflict between the dates of the trip of the baseball team to New York next Thursday and the date for the production of "A Full House," the play will not be given until Saturday, April 27th. This is regarded as a final and irrevocable decision. Lack of interest on the part of charitable organizations in Poughkeepsie, where the management of the club hoped to arrange a presentation of the club's farce some time this month, has resulted in the definite cancelling of the engagement. It was found that the Poughkeepsie Red Cross, under the auspices of which the play was to be given, is too much occupied with its ordinary duties to engage in the work of promoting the play. A new feature will probably be added to the program for April 27th, according to present plans of the dramatic management. If conditions are propitious, a dance will be held after the play, both affairs taking place in the gym. It is probable that a local orchestra will furnish music. Further details of the dance will be given later.

**UNION "Y" CHOOSES ITS
STAFF FOR NEXT YEAR**

At the regular meeting of the Y. M. C. A., held last night in Silliman Hall, the following officers were chosen for next year: Winfield Swart, president; Elmer Smith, vice-president; J. W. Hoag, treasurer; and E. O. Kennedy, secretary. The other members of the new cabinet will be chosen in the near future. Next Thursday, at 1:00 o'clock, there will be a combined meeting of the old and the new cabinet, when plans for next year will be laid.

Although the Y. M. C. A. has not been quite so prominent this year, as it has been for the last few years, the cabinet feels that it has been very successful considering the times. The informal talks given by members of the faculty, was an innovation this year, and proved to be very popular, and of real worth.

Now after a year of war, new interest is being taken in the Y. M. C. A. because of its work at the front. Next year what the Association is doing, will be better appreciated by the students and the local Y. M. C. A. should accordingly receive greater support.

**FRENCH DECORATE DE ROSE
WITH GUNNERY BREVET.**

Ralph M. De Rose, ex-'19, recently received signal honor from the French. He is one of the eighteen Americans decorated with the French aerial gunnery brevet. This distinction is attained by few Americans.

Ten Americans have received this honor in the past, but after this number had been awarded the United States government expressed a desire that the practice be stopped. The French government, however, has seen fit to award eight more, and De Rose was first of the eight men to receive the distinction. The award entitles him to go to the front as an aerial gunner, a coveted position among the fighting men in Flanders.

De Rose is from Gloversville and is a member of the Pyramid Club. He enlisted last spring while at college and landed in France several months ago.

The University of California has installed a course for the training of voices for the soldiers in giving command.

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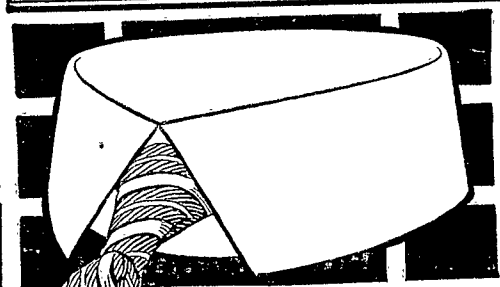
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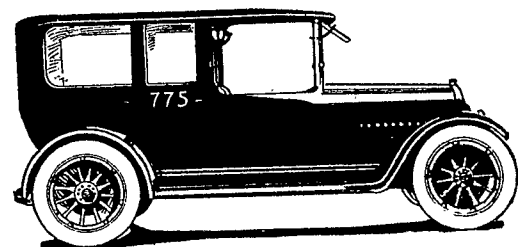
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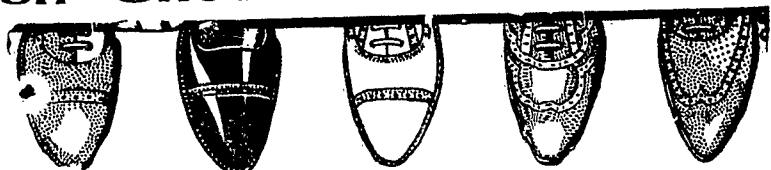
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thought I should be here. But I want to see these two games very much. Can you do this for me, or am I asking too much?

"You see we have received no pay yet and I do not know when pay day comes and money is scarce here in the army. If I could afford it I would subscribe for the Concordy because I like to keep in touch with the college and its activities.

"Respectfully yours,

"George F. Kinney,

"305th Ambulance Co.,

"Camp Upton, L. I."

Dr. Richmond wrote the following in answer to Kinney's letter:

October 17, 1917.

"My Dear Mr. Kinney:

"I should have answered your letter earlier but it has been mixed up with many others.

"I am sending you a schedule and have given your name to the football manager who will try and arrange to have tickets for you for both games. He will notify you if he is able to do this. We have nothing to do with the passes at this end.

"I congratulate you on your advancement. I shall expect to see you very soon a commissioned officer. You will prize it the more if you win it from the ranks.

"I shall always be glad to hear from you and, as you know, shall always take the deepest interest in the doings of our boys."

Fallon's letters follows:

"U. S. Military Camp,

"Syracuse, N. Y.,

"Medical Department.

"Dear Dr. Richmond:

"Your letter of recommendation came to me safely yesterday and I want to thank you for it. The letter would have reached me sooner but my folks did not have my new address for quite a few days.

"At present I am among twelve

who are taking a special course in hospital work, including physiology, anatomy and knowledge that would be useful in a field hospital.

"Fifty recruits came from Fort Slocum and all but twelve were assigned to regimental companies. I certainly am happy to be among these twelve for the base hospital students are going deeper into studies than any of the other medical men.

"Syracuse is certainly a metropolis of soldiers. We have anything from mountain batteries to common infantry. Trainloads of eatables come in to our grounds every day and likewise trainloads of infantry and artillerymen. A peculiarity is that they seem to send southern boys north and northern boys south. Most of our infantry and artillery consists of companies recruited in the south.

"Every day in the week our school of twelve either studies or drills for eight or nine hours. On Sunday we devote the entire day practically to study.

"I suppose this letter will be somewhat boring to a man like you who is always so very busy. I do not feel it would be quite right for me to write you only a letter acknowledging your letter of recommendation, however, and this, since we may be in France in a short time. I figure it would be better to write a little bit more and be generous. Thanking you for your kind letter again.

"Yours sincerely,

"George J. Fallon."

"Hdqts. 7th Sanitary Training Camp, Wheeler, Ga.

"February 6, 1918.

"Dear Dr. Richmond:

"I received your war service blank sometime ago but have not had a chance to fill it out. We have been under 24 hour notification leave and our entire outfit intends to go down into Texas to organize and mobilize up to war strength with new recruits. We only have 12 men in our

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detachment and have been out riding for the last week taking trips of about 10 to 15 miles a day.

"We have one major over us and no other officers except two medical sergeants. Things are very uncertain and we can not say that we will remain in any place even for two consecutive days. My mail address is permanent while I am in this part of the country.

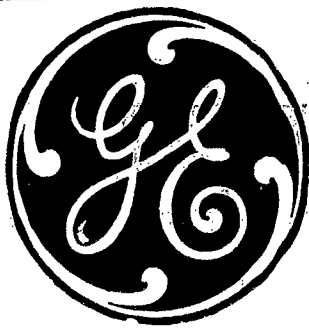
"Yours for my morning gallop, from one of your boys in line somewhere in Georgia,

"George James Fallon."

SCHUYLER VISITS CAMPUS; LOUGHLIN GOES ACROSS

Lieut. Roy A. Schuyler, ex-'18, was a visitor on the campus Monday afternoon. Schuyler left last May for Madison Barracks, where he received a second lieutenantancy in the cavalry. He was then transferred to Camp Dix, where he has since been promoted to first lieutenant in the 311th Infantry, 78th Division.

Lieutenant Schuyler returned to Camp Dix today. He reported that Lieutenant Loughlin, '17, has gone to France, and that while nothing definite is being given out regarding troop movements, many others are likely to be moved soon. Acquaintances of Schuyler admit that the army life appears to agree with him, and he says "it's great." Both Loughlin and Schuyler are members of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.



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