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## How the Team

### Was Received

After the celebration Saturday night, in honor of the Virginia game, plans suitably to welcome back the team began to mature in the form of large contributions. The first class held a meeting after S. M. I. and decided to exchange places with the horses that had been procured to haul the squad from the depot that night.

Mr. Palmer was seen and arrangements were made to have a banquet awaiting the team at the mess-hall. Its fitness or quality can be judged by glancing at the menu to follow.

So, after arrangements had been made about the hauling, rope, etc., the first-class, except poor confined "Lonny," left the mess-hall about 10 minutes ahead of time, and after a permit had been granted, much to the relief of those who had none, they proceeded up town in a body, and after some rambling, caused by the usual lateness of the train, marched thence to the depot. There lay Sheridan's renowned 20-seated tallyho and "House-top" to superintend its progress.

Miss Magge and her contingent were down in a carriage, with pennants, to cheer the boys on, and when the train drew in each man, in his place, almost split his lungs, and the assembled crowd nobly seconded their efforts. Miss Betty Clarke kissed "Chief" Roller as he got off the train, but the latter did not seem to mind.

The individual men of the team were hoisted into the conveyance and after the greetings, etc., were over, the command "forward!" was heard in "Cornbread" Johnson's loudest voice, and at the command of execution the whole contrivance started at the double time up the hill and into the heart of Lexington. A little doubt had been expressed about the ability of the 47 first-classmen hauling the 20 strong football squad up the stiff grades but that "Thomas" formed his theories rapidly, dissolving when the pace of progression was observed. Up hills and down Main street went the tallyho, and the students liberally cheered the cadets as they passed. The team also gave cheers for '08 and vice-versa. The tallyho proceeded through the University grounds, and on past barracks, where the windows were packed with observers, who wished greatly to express their admiration and

welcome, but circumstances forbid.

Down to the mess-hall went the outfit, and the squad was carried in, where they sat down to the following:

|                             |                 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| Chicken Broth in Cups       |                 |
| Celery                      | Olives          |
| Broiled Sirloin Steak       |                 |
|                             | Tomato Sauce    |
| French Fried Sweet Potatoes |                 |
| Fried Spring Chicken,       |                 |
|                             | Southern Style  |
| Asparagus on Toast          |                 |
| Lettuce                     | French Dressing |
| Pineapple Sherbet           | Assorted Cake   |
| Cheese                      | Crackers        |
|                             | Coffee          |

After the squad had filled to repletion, first classmen serving as waiters, Capt. Roller spoke for the squad, and made the men blush as he talked of the spirit being shown and ended with "If the team can't work with you men behind it, why God help it." About the cheers and speeches made that night nothing will be said except that Mr. Palmer received his share, and he deserved it too, for the way he had helped in getting the supper. After all was over the whole body adjourned to barracks, and it is safe to state that nothing but foot-ball was discussed from then 'till tattoo.

Owing to Gallaudet cancelling her game with us for Saturday, Oct. 26, our football lads will have a well earned rest. The manager of the team, Mr. Donnan, tried to get a game with several different teams, such as Sewanee, Georgetown, Kentucky and Richmond College, but their schedules were full and we will have to forfeit another victory.

W. H. Gill, '07, has gone to Spokane, Wash.

S. S. Lee, '03, is now stationed at Camp Colombia, Cuba.

F. P. Morris, '07, is studying law at Northwestern University.

M. H. Judd, '06, is a student at Tulane University.

W. L. Graves, '07, is manager of the track team at U. Va. this year.

Fairfax Ayres, '06, is playing end on the 'Varsity at West Point.

G. W. Peek, '07, recently stood an examination for the army at Fort Leavenworth, together with J. S. Williams, '04, H. W. T. Eglin, '05, C. C. Clemmons, '06, J. Early, '07, and those mentioned in a previous issue.

## ALUMNI NOTES

C. A. Lyerly, '07, is a student at Cornell University this year.

L. R. Gignilliat, '95, is stationed at the Culver Military Academy, Culver, Ind.

W. P. Tate, '07, is commandant at the Horer Military Academy, Oxford, N. C.

J. E. Biscoe, '04, is studying law at George Washington University.

✓ R. H. Brown, '03, is in St. Louis with the Deane Steam Pump Co.

B. T. Clarke, '04, has gone into the insurance business at Owensborough, Ky.

H. C. Calcutt, '04, of Dyersburg, Tenn., was married on Oct. 24.

La Mont, '05, is sales agent for the Washington Electric Co., at Butte, Mont.

J. D. Jackson, '02, and H. P. Rankin, '03, are on an engineering corps near Pittsburg, Pa.

The resignation of L. C. Leftwich, '04, from the U. S. Army was accepted on Sept. 1.

The retirement of Major L. H. Strother, '77, from active service on Oct. 23 is announced.

S. K. Funkhouser, '04, is studying for the ministry at Vanderbilt University.

Harrington, '07, is third orderly sergeant at West Point this year.

C. S. Dawley, '04, of South McAlester, I. T., is interested in the manufacture of ice machines.

H. W. T. Eglin, '05, is assistant commandant at the Wentworth Military Academy.

A. H. Smoot, '04, is a first-class private in the Signal Corps, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

M. E. Locke, '99, U. S. Army, is stationed at Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

C. E. Pennington, '04, is assistant cashier in the Bank of Jonesville, Va.

C. Paul, '07, is on an engineering corps on the South & Western Railroad, located at Speers Ferry, Va.

E. R. Sutherland, '06, R. S. Dodson, '06, J. Doster, '06, and W. E. Spragins, '06, are all at Cornell University.

R. Y. Conrad, '05, A. B. Taliaferro, '06, J. Nash, '06, J. N. Peyton, '06, and W. H. Cocke, '06, are at the University of Virginia.

## TIME AND ETERNITY

### Experience of Members of Fourth Class

'Twas in the wee early hours of a raw November morning. Barracks, so lively and turbulent by day, was wrapped in profound quiet, a quiet so deep, so all pervading that it seemed to assume some concrete weight, to exert an oppressive force.

The two sentinels who had taken charge of all government property in view were under the silence, awing spell, and the whispered greetings they occasionally exchanged through the arch were scarcely louder than the troubled baying of a hound, far up and across the river, or the sneaking tread of an apologetic cat which was visiting the rooms of the first stoop in succession, a ghostly scavenger.

The sentinels were new men, serving their first tour. The corporal who posted them had given a few instructions not authorized by the Guard Manual about watching out for the O. C. and retired to the warmth of the guard house. The door had banged, there had been a muffled adjusting of chairs and all was still.

Time dragged on in slow, immeasurable loneliness. Number one set up a thumping of his stacking swivel and the rapid click, click, click for a time drove back the oppressive force of silence. But as the sentinel quit this trifling pastime, the solitude seemed heavier, just as the ocean closes to more majestic quietness over the body of an exhausted, struggling swimmer. Number two thought scornfully of the casuistry of philosophers in discussing the terms "time" and "eternity." How easily he could say what they meant!

Time dragged on and on. The quiet, overawed attitude of the men changed gradually to feelings of deep distrust, active suspicion, seditious anger.

"Say," called one, with a nod toward the guard house, from which regularly recurring sounds indicated that the corporal was not dead but slept, "He's rolling the h—l out of us, ain't he?"

"Yes, d—n him, he's asleep," was the morose reply.

The corporal stirred. He was vaguely aware of the import of the whispered discussion. Smiling sarcastically, he hitched himself farther forward on the table and slept again.

And time dragged on.

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"Where ignorance is bliss," 'tis said, "It is folly to be wise," but ignorance was far from being blissful on that afternoon of the 19th. The team was in Charlottesville, the corps in Lexington, and a game was on.

When Pierce turned out on the drum, "V. M. I. 12, Virginia 18; game not yet over," there was a hush. But a game is never over until the final whistle "time up" is blown, and so we hoped. We knew our team to a man. We recognized but one fact, and it was sufficient. If a touchdown lay within range of possibility they would strive for it, and there is a meaning to that word "strive."

And our hoping was not in vain. After bitter, sweets are more palatable. Finally the score was made known, "V. M. I., 17, Virginia 18." Pandemonium reigned, and she sure did rule with a high hand. Then came suggestions. Bonfire! Noise! Fireworks! and we had them all. Preparations were made for the evening.

At supper there was naturally but one topic of conversation. It was not possible of course for the entire battalion to visit town, yet the First Class had the privilege, so these rose with the staff and filed shall we call it, out of the mess-hall.

They formed in the vicinity of McCrum's, with Hunter and Engleman in charge of the platoons, and "Hip" acting as "color-sergeant," the aggregation started, amid the wonderment of the townspeople. They then procured tin basins; why we have no idea, for infinity in the line of noise had been reached long ago. And off our representatives started, up street, down street, to court house, to skating rink, to—honestly they themselves scarcely know where they went! But anyhow, according to "Cornbread," they finally ended up again in front of the court house.

Here the audience was favored with several exhibitions of exceptional talent, among those calling forth especial applause being

Hunter's Tripple Expansion Flip, (ask him about it.) "Willie" Hirst's circular swing, a combination "monkey dance," by Messrs. Earle and Lewis, and "Big Ingun's" war dance.

Then came the collection of boxes, most of which were furnished gratis by "Odor" Engleman—Together with a hundred or more behind the shanties, there were several hundred in all obtained.

At tattoo the entire corps made way down the parapet and over to Mulberry Hill. Then followed a twenty minutes full of the three; bonfire, noise and fireworks. The fire blazed just below the crest, sending intense, curling flames well-nigh to the sky. Upon the crest itself the pyrotechnic display took place, forming a unique and attractive background.

At the end, as a grand finale, they assembled at the blaze, and joining hands, encircled the fire, completing the evening with three rahs! and the "Old Yell."

### EDITORS KEYDET:

The suggestion of Mr. Kraft as to a name for your very creditable publication, appeals to me, an alumnus now fast getting old, as eminently appropriate. My objections to your present heading are based both on considerations enumerated by you in an earlier issue, and on those stated by Mr. Kraft. Let us have then

### THE CADET

AT THE WEST POINT OF THE SOUTH.

THE CADET::—This carries a meaning to some of the older among us, who know nothing of the later distorted expression. Moreover, it revives the name of an earlier monthly publication. Sentiment, yes; but sentiment travels far with V. M. I. men. Again the words measure four-square with dignity and praise.

It might be objected that the second line of the title smacks of unworthy imitation, the answer is easy. The name West Point stands the world round for all that is best in military training, physical and moral courage, honor, integrity of character. It is not unworthy to be confessed imitators of such a model. If, on the other hand, the suggestion came that we are in an unwarranted way conferring a title upon ourselves we can but point to the records. Certainly V. M. I. men gave a good account of themselves in the Civil and Spanish wars; and the large number of alumni now in the United States army speaks volumes. If we are arrogant in speaking of ourselves as a second West Point we have reasons for "the faith that's in us."

### ALUMNUS

"Pal" DeShazo has deck on the rear rank.

## OUR TEAM

### Its Past and its Future

Last week the corps decided to attend the V. P. I. game in Roanoke which is to be pulled off Saturday, November the 9th. Since then no little enthusiasm has been shown in the line of rooting. The team is going there with the determination to win, and we are going along to help them win, that is, if rooting will do it.

Last Wednesday night the cadets had a mass meeting for the purpose of practicing some new songs and yells, chiefly though to hear Mr. Roller talk on the V. M. I.-Va. game, and our prospects of winning from V. P. I. He was greeted with loud cheers. With reference to the V. M. I.-Va. game Mr. Roller expressed his opinion as follows:

"Never in my life have I seen a football team acquit themselves as well as ours did last Saturday on the Lambeth field. We were 'outlucked' not outplayed. The touchdown by Honaker, made through our entire line was a hundred to one shot. I venture to say such a run will not be made again in the South during this season. Two of our touchdowns were made by hard, straight football, the one made by Massie was from Va.'s fumble on a punt by V. M. I. Our line was like the rock of Gibraltar, Virginia never made more than two or three yards gain through it. We have one of the best teams, if not the best in the South.

"In regard to our coming game with V. P. I. I feel that we are going to win. In saying this I am not making any idle boast, but I honestly believe it. V. P. I. outweighs us, but weight doesn't always count, it didn't at Virginia.

The Virginia men were constantly being knocked out or taken out, while the V. M. I. men were always in their place, ready to play when the signals were given. We evidently showed more grit than Virginia did and there's not a yellow man in our entire squad.

"Furthermore, I want to speak a word in behalf of the spirit which Mr. Johnson, Virginia's coach, showed toward the V. M. I. and our team. He met us at the train displaying V. M. I. colors and showed us every attention possible while there. He also said we were at least sure of two all Southern men, if not three this year, that we not only had one of the finest ends in the South, but that his equal couldn't be found any where in the United States.

"November the 9th will be a day which V. M. I. men will never forget. We haven't beat V. P. I. in seven years, and if it

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comes to a showdown we can hold them on our one yard line. Let's all go there to win."

Mr. Roller was greeted with three loud cheers led by Mr. Johnson, after which Captain Massie made a talk with reference to his team and their determination not to rest on their hands, but to work as they never had before.

We are not at all uneasy about results, and when V. P. I.'s banners are safely tucked beneath our belts, we will give three cheers for our team, and feel like all good soldiers who never knew defeat.

Several communications have been received setting forth very good and sensible reasons why our name should take on a more dignified form and appear as Cadet instead of the present Keydet. This change will be made in the near future, and therefore we ask that if anyone has serious objections to a change he present them at once to the staff.

The exchange department begs to acknowledge copies of the "Tech" published at V. P. I., and the Ring-tum-Phi of W. & L. U.

Colliers representative is again in barracks. Lights out!—(The "Tech.")

## THE KEYDET

LEXINGTON, VA., OCT. 29, 1907

### Personals

W. L. Riley, '07, went to Staunton Saturday to referee a game between Woodberry Forest and S. M. A.

Capt. Mort returned from Fort Leavenworth Tuesday, accompanied by G. H. Peek, '07, who also is seeking a lieutenancy in Uncle Sam's service.

G. F. Shane, '89, was in Lexington last week and delivered an address before the first class electrical engineering section on the "Opening in the profession for college men." Mr. Shane is the first graduate in electrical engineering of the Institute and is a member of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers.

### First Class Notes

Charlie: "Beyond what limits has love ever carried you?"

Alonzo: "Beyond cadet limits, to my sorrow."

First Cadet: "Who burnt the Gym. last year?"

Second Cadet: "Teddy Bear."

Citizen: "What is the most common malady in barracks?"

Cadet Graub: "Hay Fever."

"Hippo" rigged up a Chronograph last Friday and rode by the junction to Zeroville. The Major was traveling some.

"Sweet Pickle" Edwards has the latest novelties in curling irons. Call at 92.

"Gimmie" Taliaferro wants something stronger than a lemon. He has taken a new lease on life since last week and needs a brazer.

"Madam" Owsley has lost her music tack, Would like to have it duplicated.

The team for the past week has been perfecting the old plays and adding several new ones. Scrimmages with the "Scrubs," under Capt. Pile's coaching, are becoming proficient in trial plays and passes and are now a fast, quick team. While several men on the 'Varsity are laid up with minor hurts yet every man is in good condition and will be in the pink of perfection on the 9th. Saturday, after a light practice, the 'Varsity went over to see the game of our neighbor, W. & L., with Hampden-Sidney.

The number of men on the scrub team has been increased from 11 to 12. The duty of the extra man is to keep the 'Varsity from coming between Lucy Barnes' legs.

"Holcomb" Scott is a live charger from 'way back. The bright star in the scrubs' line.

The skating rink is growing in popularity among the cadets.

## V. M. I. Football Team Best For Many Sessions

We take the following from the Times-Dispatch of Richmond. Our team, while light is yet fast, and under the efficient coaching of Mr. Roller has well nigh reached perfection. No man understands or is able to impart the tricks of the new game better than our coach. The scores to date show this V. M. I. having scored 112 points against her opponents 18 in three games:

Special to the Times-Dispatch.

Lexington, Va., Oct. 26.—The Virginia Military Institute football team have pulled themselves together since their strenuous battle at Charlottesville with the the University of Virginia aggregation, and they are putting in hard licks at practice. Coach Roller feels highly elated that his team is doing such good work this season. Their classmates gave the team a royal reception Sunday night on their arrival home from Charlottesville. Members of the first class met the team at the depot with a tallyho, and pulled the gridiron warriors from the depot to the barracks.

The following information concerning the V. M. I. team will be of interest at this time. The average of the team is 158 pounds and the average age 19 years. Following is the detailed information:

| Name        | Weight Lbs. | Height Ft. In. | Age Years |
|-------------|-------------|----------------|-----------|
| Biedler     | 174 3-4     | 5 11           | 19        |
| Fray        | 166         | 5 10           | 20        |
| Wickham     | 159 1-4     | 5 11 1-2       | 19        |
| Doyle       | 144 1-2     | 5 6            | 19        |
| Pattison    | 178         | 6 3-4          | 19        |
| Orman       | 249         | 5 9 3-4        | 19        |
| Minton      | 158         | 5 11 1-2       | 19        |
| Dunbar      | 235         | 5 11           | 21        |
| Porter      | 138         | 5 8 1-4        | 19        |
| Hancock     | 180         | 5 9            | 21        |
| Alexander   | 153         | 5 9 1-2        | 18        |
| Mosely      | 145         | 5 8 3-4        | 17        |
| Poague, T., | 140         | 5 6 3-4        | 20        |
| Ward        | 148 1-2     | 5 7 3-4        | 21        |
| Nelson      | 171         | 5 11 1-2       | 19        |
| Smith       | 169         | 5 11           | 18        |
| Massie      | 153         | 5 9 3-4        | 20        |
| Clemmer     | 156 1-4     | 5 10           | 18        |
| McMillan    | 132         | 5 3 3-4        | 19        |
| Deshiell    | 160 1-2     | 5 7 1-2        | 18        |
| Maclean     | 170         | 5 11 1-4       | 19        |
| Poague, H., | 156 1-2     | 5 11           | 18        |

Arrangements have been made to have the picture of the 'Varsity squad appear in the Times-Dispatch of Richmond, and the Washington Post, of Nov. 3rd. Statistics of the team will also be given.

We wonder why "Parson Anderson and "Pal" De Shazo visited a young lady, sent up their cards and hastily departed without giving her a chance to be excused.

We have been requested to answer this query. When will "Lucky" and "Paleface" stop "running?" We would with pleasure if we could.

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## Yells and Songs

It is a settled fact that we must have a good consistent bunch of "rooters" at Roanoke and with this end in view we are publishing this week the yells and songs. Let all get to work and "bone" them up. The "Study Drum" and "Old Yell" (long) are new ones and good.

### OLD YELL!

Rah! Rah! Rah!  
Vir-gin-ia!  
Military Institute, Rah! Rah! Rah!  
Rah! Hoo! Ri! Rah! Hoo! Ri!  
Ri! Ri! V. M. I.

### TUNE (DOXOLOGY)

Red, White and Yellow floats on high,  
The Institute shall never die.  
So now "Keydets" with one voice cry  
God bless our team and V. M. I.

Hullabaloo! Rah! Rah!  
Hullabaloo! Rah! Rah!  
Whoo Rah! Whoo Rah!  
V. M. I. Rah! Rah!

Oskiwowwow! Skinniwowwow!  
V. M. I.. V. M. I., Wow!!!

### TUNE (LAID AWAY A SUIT OF GRAY)

Old V. M. I. is out to die, or win where'er she goes;  
She'll forge her way at every play to the goal-post of our foes.  
She'll show her grit and never quit till in the dust she lies;  
She'll show them all how to play foot-ball,  
So hike it, V. M. I.,

### OLD YELL (SLOWLY)

Rah! Rah! Rah!  
Vir-gin-ia,  
Military Institute,  
Rah! Rah! Rah!  
Rah! Hoo! Ri!  
Rah! Hoo! Ri!  
Ri! Ri!  
V. M. I.

### STUDY DRUM (QUICKLY)

Rah! Rah! V. M. I.—  
Rah! Rah! V. M. I.—  
Rah! Rah! V. M. I.—  
V. M. I.

### 1ST CLASS SONG TUNE (SCHOOL DAYS)

School days, school days, dear old work like h—l days,  
Guard mount and drill and dress parade;  
Confinement and tours to make you afraid.  
Put on your dyke and on your way,  
Take the formation and hit the hay,  
But if you get caught there's h—l to pay,  
When you're in the Corps of Cadets.

## Nicknames

No cadet can pass through his Rat year at the Institute without having acquired some very appropriate nickname, by which he is known by his classmates. This name may be descriptive of the character, personality or nationality of the person to whom it is applied. For instance, "Ma" Fray has a cognomen most suitable.

"Sweet pickle" Edwards never loses that sweet, smiling expression characteristic of one of Heinz's 57, but why are "Mountain-dew" DeVault "Cornbread" Johnson, "Booze" Brown and "Pinhead" Donnan so called? "Rabbit" Ferrell says it's no disgrace to run when you are cared. "Hipple" Jarvis tops the scales at twenty-five hundred. Mickie" Malone is Irish to the bone as well as to the eye. A few others appropriately named

are "Bully" Poague, "Molecule" McMillen, "Skin" Rankin, "Ape" Lewis, "Shorty" McClellan, and "Madam" Owsley.

"Connection" Furrell is surely "hitting the line" hard for "valedictorian." His stentorian voice is frequently heard in the mess-hall. "Now dear fellows of that team wins, etc." Nevertheless he deserves great credit for the good work he has done in teaching the "rats" how to "root."

"Holcombe" Scott (on reading account of football game in last week's issue.) Well I swear, I know they had a hard time getting out this issue, but they certainly ought to have gotten the initials of the men that played on the team right. Here's L. E. Poague, L. T. Fray, L. G. Menton, C. Hancock, — — — (let us drop the certain of pity.

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