

ALFRED GLEE CLUB



GLEE CLUB PREPARING FOR ACTION

The University Glee Club is being fast whipped into shape for the biggest season's work in several years. During the war the activities of this organization have been limited to the immediate vicinity of Alfred, but now with men who have had experience, it is planned to extend its influence. It was in 1917 that the Glee Club took an extended trip, covering part of New Jersey, New York City and up-state. The next year found many new men in the organization, and although they showed up well, war restrictions prevented big trips. In 1919 the Glee Club visited Elmira and Addison on a three days' trip and was very successful.

The personnel of this year's club includes thirteen men who have taken trips with the club in the past. At least ten of these men have represented Alfred on the stage for two years. This year they have an entirely new program and anyone who has heard the Club rehearse, will testify that there are some very good numbers. The ensemble work has every reason to be exceptionally good. The solo work will feature. Prof. Wingate as vocal soloist, Vossler and Carter as readers, and Volk with the violin are the main attractions.

It is difficult to measure the exact value of a Glee Club to a college. Perhaps it is somewhat explained by the statement that "the Glee Club wants real men." Sixteen men scattered among the homes of the average town may either create a good impression or a very bad one. It is right there where a Glee Club may be a success or a failure. An excellent program could not take away the bad taste left by a bunch of discourteous, egotistical, or unloyal men. The good impression could be left by men who are loyal, clean and courteous. It is after all a purely advertising proposition, and as far as Alfred's club is concerned, we feel sure that it has been good advertising in the past. We may all help in the good work by speaking a good word for the organization and giving encouragement to its members. It will not take much time or trouble to have at least an interest in it and it will certainly help.

—RE-LOYAL—

STUDENT SENATE

The 15th regular meeting was called Jan. 19th. Passed to allow Frosh to have sleigh ride January 29th. Soph-Senior party on calendar February 21st. Passed to allow Frosh girls to attend all entertainment courses without their caps.

FLUE BURSTS AT HEATING PLANT

At an early hour Monday morning, one of the flues in the big boiler at the heating plant blew up. Mr. Ward Colegrove, fireman at the plant, was thrown violently against the brick wall and was severely burned as a result of the explosion. The fire from the fire box was well scattered about the building and soon the wood-work on some of the windows and doors caught fire. This was soon extinguished, however.

As a result of the explosion the college dormitories, Kanakadea and Kenyon Halls, resemble a small portion of frigid Iceland. Classes were fully resumed by Monday noon, those classes that could not stand the temperature being held at Ag Hall.

Repairs are being brought from Wellsville and it is hoped that soon the damaged flue will be replaced. Until then the girls are being entertained at the homes about town.

—RE-LOYAL—

THE SOPH GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM ENTERTAIN THE FROSH TEAM

Last Saturday evening the girls' basketball team of the Sophomore class entertained the Freshmen girls' team to a party at the home of Laura Stillman. The referees of the last Frosh-Soph game were also guests. Twelve couples were present.

The evening was very enjoyably spent in the playing of games and telling stories, to the amusement of everyone. From the general good feeling and friendliness shown, one could hardly believe that only a week ago the same girls were fighting for class championship. At eleven o'clock light refreshments were served after which the guests departed to their places of residence, rejoicing in one of the most pleasant evenings that has passed in Alfred in sometime.

—RE-SQUARE—

SUDDEN DEATH

We were all shocked Friday forenoon to learn that William R. Beebe, one of our prominent citizens, who had been sick for a few days with pneumonia, has passed away.

Mr. Beebe had been a life-long resident of this town, and will be missed by all. He leaves a wife and two daughters, Mrs. Mary Burdick of Bath and Miss Marjorie Beebe of this village. The funeral service was held Sunday afternoon, and the body was laid at rest in Alfred Rural Cemetery.—Sun.

The students wish to extend their sympathy to Marjorie Beebe '23.

ASSEMBLY

Miss Elsie Binns Talks On Sculpture

The worthiness of sculpture was shown us most vividly last Wednesday, when Miss Elsie Binns of the Ceramic School spoke in Assembly.

In her address, Miss Binns said that sculpture is the art of representation in three dimensions. The old argument of nature and art does not apply to sculpture—it is nature versus art. The sculptor does not only care for the outward visible sign, but more for the inward breath. He must have a sense of touch to enhance the sense of right. Form, mass, bulk, movement, mean more than line in sculpture. The life throbbing beneath the surface, the ideal of the sculptor himself who tries to picture it in the clay, are the forces which make a statue great.

The sculptor himself must work with the mass. He must know that line is direction, force, movement: it passes through the center of things and is not the mere outline. In nearly all of the great pieces of sculpture there is a compactness of form such as a flower shows when folded into a bud, with promise to open. Details are subordinated to the main idea of beauty.

The culmination of beauty was reached in Greek sculpture. The Greeks dared to test their masterpieces with color—the severest test of form. Today there is much emphasis laid on speed and quantity. The inspiration is there beneath, but it gets hidden under the great number of pieces which must be turned out. Especially at this time is there a great danger of war monuments of an inartistic nature, flooding the country.

After Miss Binns' address, slides were shown by Professor Waldo Titworth, of the most beautiful work in Greek sculpture, in the sculpture of the Renaissance, and in the sculpture of modern times.

—RE-LOYAL—

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—RE-SQUARE—

You can always tell a Senior,
By the knowing look he wears,
You can always tell a Junior,
By his pert and jaunty airs;
You can always tell a Sophomore,
By his timid ways and such,
You can always tell a Freshie
But you cannot tell him much!

VARSITY WIN FIRST GAME

Alfred Defeats The Addison Monarchs In A Fast, Close Game

The Alfred basketball season made its initial appearance last Wednesday night when the Varsity quintette met the Addison Monarchs. Owing to the crowding of several functions in the same evening, the game was scheduled for nine o'clock, actually beginning an hour later. The sidelines suffered heavily from these various amusements and a general lack of spirit.

The game was probably the best ever experienced at Alfred. From the start the two teams clashed with a true spirit to win. Although the playing was not quite as polished as we expect our other games to be, there was real spirit in the team. The Monarchs came here with a reputation for being a very fast and heavy team, playing a rough, clever, game. They had a fine record in the past as a semi-pro team and were fighting through another successful season when they hit Alfred. The Varsity has had a string of heavy practices and considerable scrimmage, which added to the work of Coach Huleck, is awarded the success of its present form. But the real success is due in a large sense to the enthusiasm of the fellows to excell in basketball. For many years that sport has been more or less overshadowed both from lack of material and love for the game. But with the coming of football men of greater talent came a desire for sports all the year. And our athletes have boosted the game until it promises to be fully as successful as football.

The game Wednesday night was featured by the determination of Alfred to triumph over their supposed superiors. But few people really felt confident in the home team because they hadn't seen them play and the odds were for Addison. At the start Alfred got a little in the lead, Lobaugh tossing in a foul and a short time later netting a field basket. The playing continued for sometime in a pretty even manner, the ball traveling from one end of the court to the other. The Monarchs then began to get limbered up and tossed two field goals before the first half was up. Thus the score stood 3 to 4 in favor of the visitors.

The second half began showing a realization that the Varsity had perceived their weak points and were correcting them. The pass work that blazed out at intervals was that of a first class team, and seemed to daze the Addison boys, who were accustomed to playing a winning game. Lobaugh again made the first score by a foul, but after that the nets seemed closed for the Varsity. While the team work showed up better, the Monarchs piled up first a foul, then two field baskets at short intervals. A double foul was called from which neither side got credit. The score then stood 4 to 9 in favor of the visitors and with three minutes more to play. With a final display of excellence, the clever passwork began to net results. Bliss set the pace by tossing a field-goal. Then Loby took a turn at one, followed by Kitter in quick succession, making the

score as it finally stood 10-9 with Alfred in the lead.

The absence of one of the Varsity's best basket shooters, Banks, who was called out of town on business, meant probably six more points to our credit. In the first half Burdick was worked in and made good Varsity showing; the last half Bliss was put in his place and also showed Varsity material. The refereeing was rather slow at times but perfectly fair to both, there being three fouls called on Alfred and five on Addison.

The line up:

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| Alfred | Addison |
| Forward | |
| Lobaugh | Edwards |
| Forward | |
| Burdick, Bliss | Crumm |
| Center | |
| Smith | Cuddebache |
| Guard | |
| Chief Witter | Brady |
| Guard | |
| Bob Witter | Erwin |

Referee—Eaton.

Time of halves—15 minutes.

Field baskets: Alfred—Lobaugh 2, Bliss 1, B. Witter 1; Addison—Brady 2, Cuddebache 1, Crumm 1; Fouls: Lobaugh 2, Erwin 1.

—RE-SQUARE—

KLANSMEN HOLD ANNUAL SLEIGH RIDE

Wednesday evening, January 21st, proved to be an ideal night for a sleigh ride, despite the gloomy aspect presented by the weather man in the morning. Fifty people gathered at the Klan Alpine Fraternity house to participate in a sleigh ride to Almond. Before the journey began, light refreshments were served and at 5:30 the three sleighs were ready for the merry occupants. When all were bundled in, a long Ray yell was given Mother King and off the group started. Arriving at Almond, the party assembled at Fenners Hall to spend a few hours of dancing, while Kenyon and Volck furnished the music. All too soon came the supper hour and all repaired to Woodman's Hall, where the Royal Neighbors had provided a bounteous supper for the hungry crowd. After all had fully justified the expectations of the "supply committee," the dance was resumed. Since the committee had promised to have the company back by twelve, the sleighs were ready for the homeward trip at 10:45 and the ride was ended without serious delay. Prof. Wingate and Prof. Bennehoff, ably assisted by Mrs. Wingate and Mrs. Bennehoff, proved to be ideal chaperones.

—RE-LOYAL—

LE CERCLE FRANCAIS

On Thursday evening the Cercle Francais met at the home of Mr. Stearns. Interesting papers were provided by Miss Wahl and Miss Thrall and several scenes from LaVerre d'Eau were read. The following members were present: Mrs. Piotrowska, Capt. and Mrs. Randolph, Miss Thrall, Miss Elsie Binns, Miss Nora Binns, Miss Fosdick, Miss Langworthy, Miss Batchelor, Miss Wahl, Miss Straight, Miss Emerson.

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PERSONAL

Charlotte Kershaw spent the week-end in Hornell.

Marion Worden was a visitor in Hornell, Friday.

Julia O'Brien attended church in Andover, Sunday.

Sanford Cole '23, was in Hornell over the week-end.

George Stearns was a caller in Hornell last Friday.

Isabell Emerson '21, was a week-end visitor in Hornell.

Muriel Earley spent the weekend at her home in Andover.

Ada Walsh was injured while tobagganing Sunday afternoon.

George Ford '21, was a visitor in Hornell over the week-end.

Robert Clark '22, spent the week-end at his home in Hornell.

Vassar Lowe '23, spent the week-end at his home in Belmont.

Walt King dislocated his knee while tobagganing Sunday morning.

Robert Lyman '23, was a visitor in Rochester, over the weekend.

Charles Lake '23, spent the week-end at his home in Hornell.

Louise Cross '20, spent the week-end at her home in Canisteo.

"Bill" Edwards, a former Alfred man, is visiting friends in Alfred.

Director Binns delivered the Sunday morning sermon at the church.

Frederica and Lucretia Vossler were week-end visitors in Wellsville.

Martin Larabee '23, spent the week-end at his home in Wellsville.

Harold Reid '20, was a business caller in Hornell last Friday afternoon.

Amey VanHorn spent the week-end in Andover, a guest of Eloise Clark and family.

Christina Hurd '20, was a visitor at the home of Muriel Earley in Andover over the week-end.

G. Adolph Vossler was a visitor in Scio and Wellsville last Saturday, in the interest of the Inter-church World Movement.

William Anthony, Ag '18, returned Tuesday to his home in Penn Yan, New York, after spending several days in Alfred.

Mrs. B. C. Davis, who has been visiting friends and relatives in New Jersey, returned to her home unexpectedly, last week.

The Reading Circle was held in the Brick, Wednesday night. Dr. Titsworth read one of O'Henry's short stories as the books have not yet arrived.

President Davis returned Wednesday from Morrisville, New York, where he spoke at Farmers' Week, being held in that village.

The failure of the auto bus to run during the past week on account of the deep snow, kept many of the students living in the near vicinity, from making their weekly visits to their homes.

The Frosh basketball team have issued through their captain and president, a challenge to the Soph team to a series of three games, the dates to be set by the Student Senate. The games will do doubt be played in the near future.

AG NOTES

Director Ladd will speak out of town on Tuesday night.

Ralph Mohney returned to his home in Ridgeway, Pa., for the week-end.

Mr. Dea and Mr. Morton were sent here by the Federal Board for Vocational Education.

On Monday night the faculty will hold a dinner in honor of Prof. and Mrs. Browning.

The school is sorry to learn of the departure of William Shear '21, and hope for his return next fall.

The Aglaian Club will hold a leap year party on Tuesday night in the Domestic Science parlors. Refreshments and entertainment will be held by the Club.

Mr. Warren Tanner '22, left Saturday, January 23, for Cornell from where he will do road testing work under Prof. Wing the head of the state milk testing department.

The second term began last Tuesday with the registration of the following new students:

Miss Leona Martiny, Allegany, N. Y.

Chadwick Spaulding, East Otto, N. Y.

Frederick Bowman Morton, N. Y.

Henry Dea, Silver Springs, N. Y.

Assemblies during the past week were conducted on Monday by Director Ladd, who told us something of the methods, facilities and customs of the Agricultural School of the State, visited by him on his recent trips to those schools. On Tuesday Prof. Potter spoke on the use and care of carpentry tools. In this he spoke on the proper method of sharpening, keeping sharp and preservation of an instrument. On Thursday Prof. Place gave a very interesting lecture on knot tying and rope splicing which he illustrated by practical demonstration throughout the lecture. On Friday a school "sing" was held during assembly period. This was led by Prof. Wingate and patriotic songs were sung by the school during the entire period.

MRS. FRANK ELLIOTT

Mrs. Frank Elliott, who was a resident of Alfred while her daughter, Mrs. Finla G. Crawford, was taking her college course, died at the home of Mrs. Crawford in Syracuse, Jan. 13.

Mrs. Elliott is survived by her husband and two daughters, Mrs. Chas. Baker of Olean and Mrs. Crawford of Syracuse, and two sisters, Mrs. Chas. Tracy of Andover and Mrs. Seamans of Alma.

The funeral was held Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Tracy in Andover, and interment took place in Wellsville—Sun.

Mrs. Crawford was a graduate of '17.

Consider the student of two generations hence. He drinks not, neither does he smoke, and yet I say unto you that even Billy Sunday in all his prison garb was not as pure as one of these.

—With apologies to everybody.

One may live as a conqueror, a king, or a magistrate, but he must die as a man.

ASSOCIATIONS

Y. M. C. A.

Under the leadership of Harry Kadelbowski, the subject of Poverty and Wealth was discussed at the meeting of the Y. M. C. A. held in the Gothic, Sunday evening. Poverty is today one of the great causes of social unrest. Labor is struggling for an existence, while the cost of living is increasing more rapidly than wages are advancing.

Several theories which might tend to remedy the situation were advanced, but the entire question hinges on the time of starting this reform. If the reform is to start in the present generation, the method of bringing about this change is vastly different than the start would be if made on the rising generation. Then the greatest question of all to solve, is what level a man should reach to be content. The wealthy are always striving for more. Where is the goal at which all should be satisfied?

Dr. Norwood was present and gave several interesting views on the subject but as he said, there are many ways which seem to be the right way to bring about the change in the social order, yet none will really bring about the transformation.

The subject is such a vast one that it will be continued at the next Sunday evening meeting at which time, more will have an opportunity of giving their views on the question.

—BE-LOYAL—

Y. W. C. A.

Our Flower Garden was the topic treated in Y. W., Sunday night. Margaret Glaspey and Anna Crofoot were the leaders. Besides preparing a little paper on flower gardens in general, and those of college girls in particular, they had asked a number of other girls to bring in thoughts for the meeting. Isabel Mack read a little poem about a homely but very jolly girl; Hollice Law brought the little motto: "Kind thoughts send back kind echoes;" Margaret Neuweisinger said flowers made her think of people: the lily, of Christ, the morning glory of a hard worker who was bright and efficient in the morning but drooping at night, the red carnation of a strong cheerful person; Lois Cuglar had a veritable armful of flowers; Ruth Randolph gave a little thought from her autograph album which started everyone off on a new train of thought. Altogether the meeting was exceedingly interesting and helpful.

—BE-LOYAL—

DR. NORWOOD TO DELIVER A SERIES OF LECTURES AT HORNELL

Dr. Norwood has consented to deliver a series of ten lectures before the Hornell Council of Women's Clubs. The topics will be on current affairs and are sure to be of much interest. The first lecture was given last Monday night on the subject, "The United States Senate and the Peace Treaty. An Interpretation." Last week the second lecture on the subject, "Our Insistent Railroad Problem," was delivered. The lectures are given at the Public Library. The following are the topics of the lectures yet to be given:

January 26—The Rise of Modern Capitalism

February 2—Foreign War Debts and Foreign Trade

February 9—How France Governs Herself.

February 16—Educational Lessons from the War

February 23—Conflicting Ideals in the War.

March 1—German National Traits

March 8—English National Traits

March 15—Fundamentals of American Democracy.

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The war created many changes, not only in our manners of living, but in figurative beings. Nowadays our skylarks and butterflys have been turned into night-hawks and owls. (We're living in a dark age).

—BE-SQUARE—

Camp Meeting Old Idea.

Camp meetings, gatherings of devout persons, held usually in thinly populated districts and continued for several days at a time, with the view of securing prolonged and uninterrupted religious exercises, and assemblies of a like kind, have been more or less usual at various periods in the history of the Christian church. The introduction of the protracted camp meetings into England in 1799 by Lorenzo Dow led to the separation of the Primitive Methodists from the Weslevans. Camp meetings are especially associated with Methodism in America, where they originated about 1799 among Presbyterians and Baptists, but afterwards became almost wholly Methodist. The date of the first camp meeting in America is given in Dr. Bacon's "History of American Christianity" as in July, 1800, in Logan county, Kentucky.

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Old students, returning for visits here, report conditions among the students to be very tense and "grindish." There might possibly be something in that after all.

The present attitude toward college activities reminds us of the old-fashioned wedding where everyone was supposed to bring a quart of wine for the punch. The punch turned out to be water because everyone thought everyone else would bring wine. The Lord put enough days in the school year so every organization could choose at least one for its own amusement.

February is going to be a busy month. Already there are scheduled about fifteen different entertainments and among them we're promised a basketball game at least once a week. During the month, ourselves and our college reach the zenith of social activities for the year,—affairs which tax our strength and vitality. But they are things which any loyal student would attend—they boost the school.

On the other hand February comprises the backbone of the second and shortest term of the year, and the time when most of our preparation should be done for the term exams. And confronted with these conditions we might well say "God help the poor students in a month like this."

There has always been a class of students who never participate in social activities. Some couldn't, others thought they couldn't and didn't by pleading "too much work." And this latter class never was very popular. So to be a real student, we must support college activities. With this before us, there is but one

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alternative: reduce on your "conflab" time and utilize every spare minute. And incidentally take in a deep breath, brace up and hit the "wild month" with a running start.

Tobaggoning seems to have become the fatal sport nowadays.

APOLOGY

We owe an apology. The long article on the last page of the last Fiat, entitled "Getting the Boys Home," was unsigned. And we feel that the matter was carelessly overlooked, and the credit should be given to Winfield Randolph '20.

CONFLABS

For the benefit of some who are not so well acquainted with Alfred and its history we might volunteer the information that there used to be four literary societies in our college. These lyceums once played a vital part in the college life of Alfred students. They were really worth while and the entertainment and education received by their members will not be forgotten. There came a time when we either outgrew them or else became too busy to support them. At any rate they died and perhaps we would be foolish to try to perform a post mortem. May they rest in peace.

The fact remains that we should make the most of our opportunities to learn parliamentary law. It may save some future embarrassment should we have to conduct a meeting. Dust off your "Rules of Order" and spring it at the next class meeting. If you embarrass the president, that is your satisfaction.

We are a bit dubious about advocating the "Conflab." Too often it results in hard feelings or a useless waste of energy. It may be very good if done coolly and deliberately. After a hard days work it is no small satisfaction to corner your roommate and have him talking in circles with no way of getting out. Debate is an art that is worth cultivating and the man who can hold his own against the arguments of real topics and keep cool, giving everyone a chance to express his views, is broadening his intellect. If we can not do this it is better to move out when an argument starts.

Isn't it funny that the most honorable people are sometimes the most careless about rules. Breaking rules never changes them.

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NOO YAWK CLUB REUNION

The first reunion of the Noo Yawk Club since the beginning of the war was held in New York on New Year's Eve. Truly, was it a reunion, for among those present were seven of the charter members.

The boys assembled in the lobby of Knickerbocker Hotel, from there they went to see "Civilian Clothes" playing at the Morosco Theatre. It was refreshing to see a show of this nature, since all in the party had been in the service for Uncle Sam. Noo Yawk Club, as the old timers of Alfred will recall, always was in the front ranks.

And after the show, General, who knows the liveliest cabarets on Broadway and quietest rendezvous just off the Great White Way, led the party to Cavanaugh's where he had made reservations for a private dining room. All war time restrictions were lifted and they who know the boys only need be assured "it was a grand and glorious feelin'."

All during the evening war experiences were exchanged among other stories. Elliott, "Eddie" Wight, a mariner, was twice decorated by the French with the Croix de Guerre for exceptional bravery under fire when he "ran the lines" carrying important messages in the battle of Chateau Thierry. Also recommended for the D. S. C. by his American commander for laying and keeping open a line of communication during the heat of battle. "Eddie" saw the longest overseas service; spending nineteen months in Europe. Twenty other men also "got across" and did splendid work.

Four-fifths of the Club's members wore the uniform. Two of the boys, George McElroy and Charles Parker, paid the full price and now lie quietly in France. Surely, this is a splendid record and Alfred can be justly proud of her sons.

Among those present were the following charter members: "Tom" Barry, a marine machine gunner, whose liberal ransoms did Alfred's coffers fill; Harry "Andy" Anderson, chief petty officer, and far famed for his ability in the culinary department; Fred "Fritz" Interman did war work at home, also edited the Ag section one year in the Kanakadea; Edwin "Tedd" Sedlacek, sergeant in the twenty-seventh, champion boxer while at Alfred; Elliott "Eddie" Wight, the boy marine, Alfred's famous hunter; Joe "Kaiser" Conderman, not of the Huns, but just plain lieutenant with Uncle Sam's dough boys, Varsity football and basketball guard; George "General" Kull, the aviator and Alfred's busiest man among the ladies. Others, also were present.

It was decided to re-establish again in that small college town among the hills, more permanently, the old club that was second to none—Noo Yawk Club.

"ONE LITTLE APPLE"

One little apple hanging on a tree. Eve said to Adam. "Have a bite with me?"

"Sure," said the serpent, with a baleful glance. "Don't be a'fraid cat, better take a chance."

Adam ate the apple, fresh off the limb. Fond and foolish Adam! That finished him.

More little apples, hanging on a bough, Little Willie ate some, so did the cow.

Both soon discovered something wasn't right. The vet. and the doctor labored all night.

The vet. hurried homeward at the peep of dawn, Willie had a narrow squeak, but the cow passed on.

More little apples, dear old Uncle Si; Biled in the biler when the state went dry.

Fed some to the deacon; nice old man, but frail, Now the deacon's doing thirty days in jail.

Baldwin, Russet, Gravenstein or Pip Apples, oh ye gods, have an awful zip! —Apokeepsian.



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THE BATTLESHIP FLEET

It is far from my intention to enter into any detailed description of the various ships of war that go to make up the United States battleship fleet. Such an attempt would involve a maze of statistics, and is exactly the thing which I wish to avoid in this brief article

I was enlisted as a landsman electrician (radio), and after qualifying with the necessary eighteen words of the Continental wireless code in the Great Lakes radio school, I was transferred for further training to Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass. There were about three thousand sailors in Harvard at the time, and about two-thirds of that number were radio men. We attended school six hours a day, three periods being devoted to operating and three to theory. We also had one hour of infantry drill each afternoon. Each week a class was graduated, and each week a new class began its work. Examinations came every Friday, and the men who failed were either sent to sea as seamen or retained as members of the provost guard or permanent working party. The classes were taught by officers, C. P. O.'s and gobs, nearly all of whom were experienced in radio work. The theory was not particularly hard, but it involved more studying than some of the boys were willing to perform. As a whole the college men, of whom there were a great number, did well with their theory and were rather poor in operating. On the other hand, the old land wire men who had perhaps barely finished the eighth grade in school, excelled in operating and barely passed in theory. I will never forget a certain incident which occurred in my tenth week at Harvard. There was a certain old Morse operator in my company who always scored a perfect grade in the weekly operating tests, but who was a bit hazy about his theory. As we were compelled to keep notebooks in the latter course, it was always the custom of this individual to depend on someone else for his copy. This had happened for nine long weeks, and several of us were a bit tired of it, so we evolved a scheme which we considered as a fitting climax. We prepared an odd page of a certain notebook which our friend had been in the habit of using as his "original," and decorated it with a huge colored ink drawing of the Wheatstone Bridge, connecting it in a variety of ways, none of which were correct. The diagram of a solenoid, an electric bell, and several dry cells was added to the original drawing. Below it came this description:

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This was copied to the dot, and handed in by the Morse operator. He fully believed it was right, and had made a very careful reproduction of the "original." As we had told one of the fellows to impress upon him the importance of the Wheatstone Bridge in the week's work, he had actually memorized the description and diagram for the examination. That evening—we were attending school until nine o'clock then—the Chief in charge of the class read us the extract which he had discovered. "Ideas change," he said, "but that is surely a new one on me." Never in my life did I see a class laugh as that one, although about half of them were actually ignorant of the point.

Days at Harvard were too pleasant to last indefinitely, and at last I took my final examinations and prepared to go to sea. The boys of my company were sent to stations far and near; few went together, and there was a certain tinge of sadness in the parting of the ways. In the army a man goes with his outfit, but in the Navy things are different.

I was transferred to the Receiving Ship at Norfolk, Va., for further transfer to the U. S. S. Wisconsin, a second line battleship of the fleet. I reached Norfolk in due time, and one morning at four A. M., boarded an old freighter for passage to Yorktown where the vessels of the fleet were lying. We were stove in by an Old Dominion liner about five-thirty that morning, and those aboard who were in fleet drafts were taken off by a despatch boat and returned to Norfolk. After a few days of waiting, I finally reached my destination on another boat.

Then came my life on board ship. It wasn't all a bed of roses, but there were some good features even at that. The ship was crowded to capacity with men. She was built to accommodate a crew of about six hundred, and there were over a thousand aboard. The billets were full, and many men were obliged to sleep on the decks. Conditions were a bit discouraging at first, but I soon became acclimated as it were. It was a case of necessity, if nothing more. The weather was quite warm for the first few weeks, and I managed to find a "soft" spot on the topside during the nights. Later it grew cooler and I located a billet below, but as I awoke one night to find a rat keeping company with me in my hammock, I soon decided to shift my scene of slumber. The hammocks were slung so close together that it was not a bit unusual to find part of the body of one gob in another's hammock as reveille blew in the morning. The chow was good enough. It wasn't exactly what the most fastidious would demand, but there was always lots of it. I soon began to stand regular watches, and found the work very interesting. There were about thirty battleships in Yorktown at the time, and the air was busy with their radio mutterings. At intervals the ship went out. Sometimes we were gone a week, sometimes longer, but always to return eventually to that detested spot, Yorktown, Va. Perhaps Washington won a great victory when he forced Cornwallis to surrender there, and for that Yorktown should be duly famous, but for the men who enlisted for war with Germany, Yorktown presents no happy memories. Ask any gob who served in the Atlantic fleet and he will bear out my testimony. I would briefly pass over those first months. They were an endless dream of general quarters, battle drills, abandon ships, etc.. During the fall we were able to play a few games of football. We had a good team but handicapped for lack of practice, we did not break any sensational records. I might add that there was six thousand dollars bet on the Ohio-Wisconsin game that fall. We lost in the last ten seconds by the score of 6-0.

On November eleventh came the armistice. December saw us in New York at the fleet review, and three months later we were in West Indies for battle drills. After drydocking in Norfolk some months later, we proceeded south again with a "cargo" of midshipmen from Annapolis. We were three months in tropical waters, and went through the Panama Canal.

There were six United States battle ships that served with the Grand Fleet, namely, the Utah, Oklahoma, Nevada, Arizona, Florida and the Texas. The others remained in the western Atlantic. There are three regular fleets maintained, the Atlantic, Pacific and Asiatic. The Atlantic fleet bases are at Hampton Roads, Va., and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. United States battle ships can be identified from all others by the two huge cage masts. The ships of all other nations carry the military mast. During the late war the battle ship fleet did little. There was little that they could do except to train men.

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