

DEAR FELLOW-MEMBER OF
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On July 18, 1943 it will be twenty-five years since we came together as the 20th Company of the 1918 S.A.T.C. Camp at Fort Sheridan. The printed Roster of the Company [published that summer by Emmett Long, now of Follansbee, W.Va.] lists 204 men ---nearly all of them being professors or administrative officers of colleges and universities of the Middle West and South. The 1918 Roster gave highest degrees and academic affiliations of the members of the Company, and that information does not need to be repeated here.

In many ways the Company had a distinguished personnel: Thirty-two members of the Company were listed with Doctor's degrees [Ph.D., M.D., D.D.S., D.V.M., and S.J.D.], and fifty-five others had Master's degrees. In the twenty-five years that have elapsed, there has been a great increase in the numbers of members who have Doctor's degrees. The number of men listed in "Who's Who in America" has greatly increased, also, as would be expected: I understand that Dungay, Snell, Scutar, and perhaps Place, have gotten the M.D. degree since our Fort Sheridan days.

Among the men of the Company whose careers I have followed, the following might be especially mentioned: W. S. Allen, president of Statson University since 1934; R. W. Crum, director of the highway research board, National Research Council, since 1928; R. C. Flickinger, head-professor of Latin and Greek at the University of Iowa since 1925; F. J. Kelly, chief of the division of colleges and professional schools of the U. S. Office of Education since 1931; T. J. Meek, professor of oriental languages at the University of Toronto since 1923; Alfred Owre, who died in 1935; as dean of the school of dentistry at Columbia University; H. D. Phillips, P. E. Bishop of Southwestern Virginia since 1938; B. E. Schmitt, professor of modern history at the University of Chicago since 1925; Jaun Sundwall, professor of hygiene and public health at the University of Michigan since 1921; and of course Knut Rockne, whose tragic death in 1931 was a nation-wide concern. I have information of the deaths of the following men of our Company: dates, as far as I know them, are given in the list of present-addresses of the living members of the Company. Those deceased members are: A. T. Adams, R. B. Allen, H. H. Bass, E. C. Buss, R. E. Carter, J. C. Davis, W. W. Duan, Logan Esarey, H. D. Funk, H. S. Gentry, S. I. Langmaid, W. E. Lockhart, J. H. Loomis, R. B. McGhee, J. W. Moss, Isaiah L. Miller, G. B. Mortimer, Alfred Owre, C. E. Pike, K. K. Rockne, L. C. Slesman, and Keith K. Smith.

Over the years, the memories of our short and hectic experience at Fort Sheridan have been a good deal of satisfaction to me---principally because of the men who were members of the Company. I assume that many of you feel the same way. Many men you may care to renew acquaintance with by correspondence, even after the lapse of all these years. While you may not recall some of the men, you may remember a great many, with pleasure. I felt a distinct sense of loss at the deaths of R. B. Allen, Carter, Funk, Langmaid, and Miller; and a great deal of pleasure to see how many of the Company have done and accomplished good things.

I have tried to secure as fully as possible present addresses, but some of them, (furnished by college alumni offices) may be incorrect or outdated. Other involuntary errors may have crept in, and these I greatly regret. "N.R" after a name indicates that repeated and diversified inquiries gave no results. In those cases where a biography is available, the source is indicated in brackets: "WW" (Who's Who in America); "AMS" (American Men of Science); "DAS" (Directory of American Scholars); "WVEngr" (Who's Who in Engineering); "LE" (Leaders in Education); "TxWW" (Texian Who's Who). I have not included degrees and titles; as this is not intended to be a Directory, but merely a list of present addresses. . . . I shall be glad to receive corrections and emendations, so far as you can give them.

Cordially and sincerely yours,

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