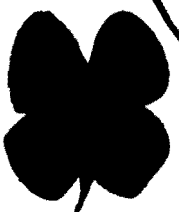


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## Change of Pace

### ATTENTION TO ORDERS .

On 6 DEC, AROTC cadets and cadre witnessed the first mid-year change of command in the battalion. The change gives MS IUs the chance to expand and test their leadership skills before being commissioned second lieutenants in the spring. While several MS IUs will keep their "old" positions another semester, many are venturing into new territory. Here's the run down for next semester:

#### BN Commander:

C/LTC Kirk Kimler

#### BN Executive Officer:

C/MAJ Jean Schommer

#### Sorin Cadet Club CDR:

C/MAJ John Murphy

S-1: C/CPT Mary Wilde

S-3: C/MAJ Scott Hobar

S-4: C/CPT John Rademacher

S-4: C/CPT Joanne Pearl

#### Chaplain:

C/CPT Garrett Barton

Corby Honor Society Pres:

C/CPT Paul Finamore

PRO: C/CPT Dave Taiclet

A Co. CDR:

C/CPT Pete Dolan

A Co. XO:

C/1LT Martin Doyle

B Co. CDR:

C/CPT Suzie Reilly

B Co. XO:

C/1LT Dominick Driano

In the extra-curriculars, Eric "give me a tank" Fredrickson remains Irish Ranger Company Commander, with Lou Chiarella as his XO. Peggy Bass and Dan Hart take over the Sorin Rifles as commander and XO respectively. And finally, (remember the last shall be first) the Irish Marauders march next semester under the command of Ed Sheeran and XO, Jayne Korecki.

## A THANK YOU

As I reflected on this past semester's activities, I realized the great effort that so many people put into Army ROTC activities- within the battalion and in the extra-curriculars. I understand, from my own experience, that these efforts often are not fully recognized, and I wish to do so at this time.

Although I cannot recognize everyone individually, I want to thank all those who put in the time and effort to make this battalion the fine organization it is today. Also, as I stated at the change of command ceremony on 6 Dec '84, I encourage you to continue the hard work next semester and support C/LTC Kimler as ably as you supported me.

Thank you,  
C/MAJ Scott M. Hobar

## New CO...New Outlook

As your new Battalion Commander, I plan to uphold and exceed the standards set by Cadet Hobar and the PMS. This might turn out to be a rather difficult task mainly because it is the second and final semester for the MS IUs. However, this slacking in attitude will not and can not occur, for the simple reason that the semester is going to be a very involved one for the entire battalion.

Several rather important scheduled events should be noted. In the middle of the semester the Battalion Dining-In is scheduled-an event that demands proper coordination and participation from all cadets. In addition, this year is the Army's turn to sponsor the Tri-Military Ball. Overall involvement from all Army cadets must serve as a positive example to the Air Force and Navy programs. Equally important, in order for the Tri-Military Parade to be a success, battalion participation and superior knowledge in drill and ceremonies will be stressed. Finally, to aid

the Juniors in final preparation for Advanced Camp, a program will be set up that provides seminars sponsored by MS IUs. This program will be designed to share the special knowledge and advice required to perform well at camp. These special events, weekly labs, and the regular battalion functions will be successfully accomplished by the following improvements: a) an increased awareness of responsibilities and duties of all those who hold leadership positions, b) more interaction and communication through better use of the chain of command, c) constant follow-up on assigned tasks, d) an incentive program that promotes

increased participation in extracurricular activities, e) additional use of all those who have already completed Advanced Camp, and f) a constant maintaining and exceeding of the standards set by the PMS.

It should prove to be a very exciting semester; one that will require a lot of hard work by everyone. On behalf of the cadet chain of command, I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a fantastic break. Let's all return with a new motivation and the right attitude to make next semester a productive one.

C/LTC Kirk M. Kimler  
BN CO

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## A Call to Arms

Military training began in 1858 at Notre Dame. A student of the University, William B. Lynch, class of 1860, approached Father Sorin with the idea of forming a military company from the student body, and to train these students in the use of small arms, military procedures and organization and Infantry drill. The suggestion found favor with Father Sorin, and in the Spring of 1859 the Notre Dame Military Company was organized from the Senior Class and designated as "The Continental Cadets." Father Sorin requisitioned and received Army weapons to supply the cadets with arms. In the Fall of 1859, a second cadet company was formed from students of the Junior Class and entitled "The Washington Cadets."

The Cadet companies were disbanded with the beginning of the War between the States, the cadets joining various military units for active service. The majority of the cadets joined the 1st Company of the Indiana Volunteer Regiment which was organized in the South Bend area.

With the cessation of hostilities, the cadet companies were not reor-

## Colonel's Corner

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Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.  
Above all, make it a safe holiday.

We are looking forward to your return. This semester was extremely successful due to cadre and cadet dedication and tremendous effort. Next semester promises to be even more rewarding. With such a group of quality people, it can be no other.

Scholarship boards will be in full progress the beginning of next semester. If you are planning to apply or know of anyone interested (cadet or student), you need to make an application soon if you have not already done so.

Good luck on finals- academics are foremost important.

Thanks to the previous cadet chain of command and staff for a superb job. Confidence to the new leaders as they are deserving and will prove their merit.

Robert G. Skinner  
LTC, Aviation  
PMS

ganized. However, cadet training in drill was conducted among the younger students, known as Minims, our equivalent of grammar school students. These cadets were known as the Junior cadets.

These groups were uniformed in regulation Zouave dress in a blue shade. In the scholastic year of 1867-1868, the school catalog prescribed a student uniform.

Military training continued to be conducted by the school until 1880.

In February 1880, the Reverend Father Corby, President of the University gave conditional sanction to the formation of a military company, composed of upper classmen and forwarded a petition to the War Department requesting that an officer be

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# Assault on Hill 101

It had been an hour and a half since the main force of Irish Rangers moving in platoon formation had left its defensive position on the Southeastern corner of Culver Military Academy. The platoon slipped quietly through the woods and made its planned ninety degree turn 200 yards away from Hill 101. Still no contact. All was proceeding well.

A burst of small arms fire sounded in the distance. Keohane's first squad froze when the men heard the gunfire. The platoon leader grabbed the radio. "Christian this is Cane....What's your situation?" he said.

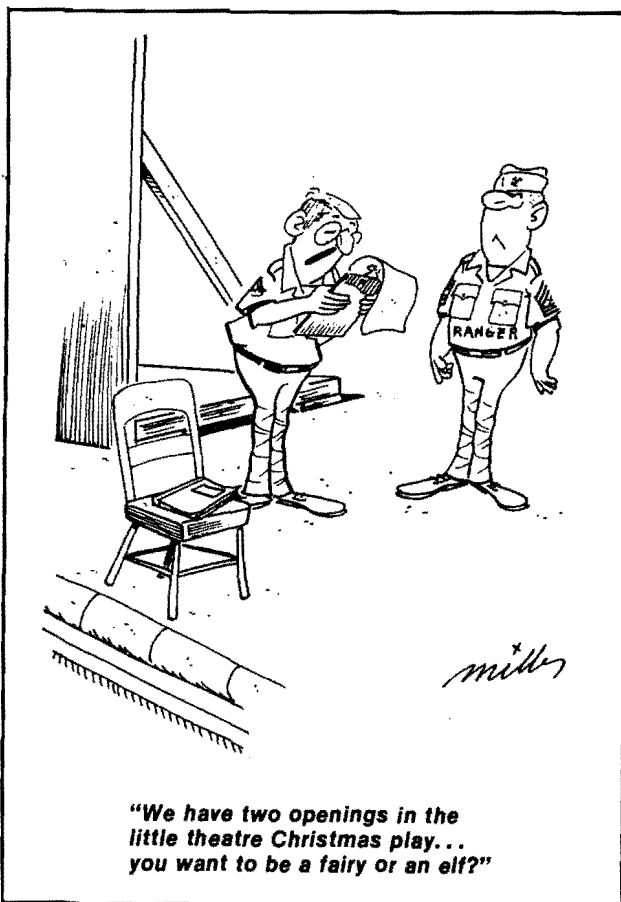
Jeff Kulmayer, code named Christian, was on an elite combat raid against Hill 101 with Spinelli, Gatto, and Fabian. They were deep into Culver territory. "Cane this is Bligh... our commando team raid has been jeopardized...I repeat jeopardized.... Spinelli has been wasted!"

The platoon leader sighed. He knew that Kulmayer's commandos had been spotted and he wondered whether the main body of Rangers could

move in undetected and attack Hill 101. He signaled to Keohane to move ahead.

As the platoon moved closer and closer to the hill the platoon leader grew anxious. His platoon sergeant, Kevin Browne was at least 200 yards behind him in Doyle's third squad. Would he know where to go? The platoon leader kept glancing over his shoulder- at least Cleary's 2nd squad maintained eye contact.

More shots burst in the distance. This time, the platoon leader hoped that his second commando team had made contact



"We have two openings in the little theatre Christmas play... you want to be a fairy or an elf?"

with a Culver observation post. He wondered if Torres, Boehm and Knappy had killed them or if they themselves had been killed. The platoon leader couldn't make radio contact with them, they didn't have a radio.

Ever more cautiously the platoon approached its overwatch position in front of the hill. Keohane did a beautiful job of getting his squad emplaced, and the platoon leader signaled to Cleary to come up on line. Suddenly Culver cadets spotted them and let loose a volley of M-16 fire.

"First squad sup-

## Did You Know..

That the Irish Ranger Company was formerly called the "Counter-Insurgency Unit" and before that the "Counter Guerrilla Unit"?

That the world's highest parachute jump is 102,800 feet?

There are 11,922 people per square mile in Jersey City, N.J.?

That James Bond likes his eggs boiled 3.5 minutes?

## Do You Really Care?

## Sorin Rifles Beat Depaul

The Army ROTC rifle team, otherwise known as the world-reknown Sorin Rifles, trounced Depaul's varsity rifle team in a meet held Saturday, DEC 1. Phil Foster shot the highest score, with Michele Ritchie, Jim Beiter and Rob Burke not far behind. All shooters turned in fine performances.

The meet ends a productive first semester for the Sorin Rifles. Next semester's activities include a rematch against the revenge-seeking Depaul team sometime in February at Depaul. The team plans to compete in Cincinnati, Purdue, and Milwaukee next semester.

press their fire! Lay down smoke!" the platoon leader yelled. "Quick! 2nd squad begin your assault. Move out, let's go!"

Cleary's squad bolted from its position behind the concealing brush. His men maneuvered to the top of the hill and Keohane's first squad followed. Culver had been caught off guard and had withdrawn to the reverse slope. They were putting up a tenacious counter-attack.

The platoon leader crouched behind a tree on the hill and planned his next move. Third squad came up to reinforce the

hill. "Doyle! you and Browne stay here with your squad!" the platoon leader screamed, "First squad you stay also!"

"Cleary!" the platoon leader continued, "maneuver your squad into the woods and drive them down the slope!"

Cleary responded immediately. He shouted, "Let's go, follow me," and his men followed behind. His squad laid down a smoke screen and butchered the Culver cadets retreating down the slope.

The platoon leader stayed with the overwatching squads and set up 360 degree security.

Soon the battle ended.

"Admin!" shouted C/CPT Eric Fredrickson, the highly motivated IAC commander.

Hoops, hollers, and oorahs went up as the members of the IAC jaunted in for their debriefing. Both sides agreed, the IAC had successfully captured Hill 101. All the IAC members performed beautifully and learned a great deal from the exercise. Pvt John Winger said in the movie Stripes, "We came, we saw, we kicked their...."

C/CSM Alan Perry

# Army Takes Tournament

The Army ROTC basketball team was the winner of the second annual Notre Dame All-ROTC tournament. The tournament held on DEC 1 and 2 was a 16-team double-elimination tournament.

The Army team won four straight to earn a spot in the championship round. They defeated Miami of Ohio 59-49, Southern Illinois 72-43, Kentucky 62-57, and Notre Dame Navy 53-51.

The most exciting game was the one against Navy, where although the Army played well, they could never put Navy away. The biggest Army lead of the game was a 9 point lead early in the first half, but Navy pulled within 2 before halftime. It was nip and tuck the rest of the way and Navy even took a one-point lead with just over 2 minutes left. But Rick Louthan hit a free throw to tie the game and when Navy turned the ball over the Army countered with an easy basket. Navy then tied the ballgame with just under one minute to go and the Army let the clock run down to set up for a final shot. After a timeout with 15 seconds to go, Dave Taiclet found a wide open Rick Louthan

for an easy score and an Army victory.

The Army had won itself a berth in the championship round. Army had a great advantage now, for any team would have to beat them twice in order to win the tournament. Despite having those odds in their



**Rick Louthan rips a bound.**

favor, the Army dropped the first game to a very tough Kentucky team, 76-59. Not playing well at all, Army allowed Kentucky, who had a very tall front line, to push the ball inside allowing

them to take advantage of a smaller Army team. The potent Army offense never seemed to get untracked for Kentucky seemed to be outhustling the well-rested Army squad. Captain Dave Taiclet said, "We did not play our game. We allowed them to dictate the tempo, and the results showed just that."

The second game, though, was a complete reversal. Pressure defense, good rebounding, and many easy fast break baskets allowed the Army team to bury Kentucky early enroute to a 73-58 victory. Great defense on the part of guards Brian Detoy, Greg Cleary, and Eric Pritchard forced the ball from being passed into the taller

Kentuckians. Solid rebounding by Scott Hobar and Ron Giometti allowed Louthan, Taiclet, and Pritchard to fast break and take advantage of the slower opponent. Taiclet said, "It was a total team effort, we got great bench help from Cleary, Detoy, Chris Perozek, Tim Felker, and Buddy Webster, and, of course Louthan was his usual self."

Louthan, who scored

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# Lt Louthan Leaves Notre Dame

December is the time for mistletoe, presents and Santa Claus. However, for students it also brings finals, vacation and in a few cases graduation. This year, Rick Louthan is one of three ROTC students leaving us at the end of the semester. In Rick's life after Notre Dame, he will attend Officer's Basic Course in Huntsville, Alabama from January until May--working with munitions in the Army's Ordnance Corps. After a short vacation,

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29 points in the final game, and who was named MUP for the tournament, stated, "We just wanted it a little more than they did. Those hardcore Rangers like Detoy and Hobar seemed to fire us up with their inspired play."

Taiclet was named to the All-Tournament Team following the games.

The first place finish is the fourth tournament in a row that the Army team has won. They hope to make it six when they defend their title at Purdue in February, and then travel to Ohio State in March.

Rick reports to Frankfurt, West Germany in June for his first assignment with the 21st Replacement Division. At present, he is uncertain as to whether or not he will make the Army a career; he will make that decision after he has seen the "real" Army.

Rick transferred to Notre Dame from Tennessee Tech. in the fall of his junior year after the metallurgical engineering program there was cancelled. His decision to attend Notre Dame was based on the fact that it is a small engineering school. However, like many Domers, Rick is not the first in his family to come to school here. His father received his Ph.D. in metallurgical engineering from Notre Dame and now teaches at Virginia Tech where Rick has worked in the labs the last few summers. When Rick transferred, Notre Dame would not accept all of his credits from Tennessee Tech. As a result, Rick has remained at Notre Dame for an additional semester to complete his degree--although he was commissioned last May with his class.

Anyone associated

with the Irish Marauder Drill Team is familiar with Rick. He was a squad leader his junior year and last year was Operations Officer and underground commander. As a fund raiser the past two years, Rick has put a lot of time and energy into organizing the ROTC basketball tournament. Last year, seven teams participated while this year sixteen teams were in attendance. Notre Dame Army ROTC has won the tournament both years while Rick has taken the Most Valuable Player honor each time. Rick also participated in earlier ROTC tournament victories, including the Purdue Invitational where the team remains the champion of the last two years. Rick earned the MUP award at this tournament in his senior year.

During the spring-time, Rick participated in the infamous Bookstore Basketball tournament where his team made it to the final 32 in 1983 and the final 16 in 1984. His first year, Rick was named to the second All-Tournament team and last year to the first

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team. To add to his list of honors, Rick was named MUP of the Bookstore Basketball All-Star game in 1983. In addition to bookstore basketball, Rick and the Army ROTC team have participated in the NVA's club basketball where they have lost in finals the last two years. There is a chance for the Army ROTC team to claim one more championship before Rick's graduation. This week, the team will be in the Co. Rec. basketball

finals. Contrary to popular belief, Rick does more than march and play basketball. Before he moved into the ROTC building as cadet custodian, Rick lived in Keenan and participated in the reknown Keenan Review singing Hee-Haw's "Gloom, despair, and agony on me!" With the help of the drill team, he has become a world class traveller, touring such places as New York--the roadsides and Cincinnati--a zoo, a parking lot, an empty stadium and a bowling alley. Rick experienced

New Orleans' hospitals first hand(hand?) as he spent his time in Louisiana on crutches. Although Rick does not have a steady girlfriend, he has maintained a close relationship with Greg Murgia ever since they went to the Tri-Military Ball together their junior year. When he can spare the time away from Greg, Rick enjoys water skiing, fishing, listening to country music (Kenny Rogers), and even girls.

Rick can be reached by writing to his home address after his graduation:  
1409 Hillcrest Drive  
Blacksburg, VA 24060

## DECEMBER COMMISSIONS

Chuck Shediak and John Dooling are being commissioned 19 Dec '84 at 2:00pm.

Chuck, a native of Indiana, will enter Indiana University to pursue graduate studies

in political science-international relations. This past semester he was an operations officer for the Drill Team.

John was not available for comments, if you can find him ask him what he's doing next year.



"Lemonade mix. All natural ingredients. No sweeteners added!"

**the Shamrock**

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detailed to instruct this unit. A Mr. T. Cooke of Memphis, Tennessee, was selected for the position of drill instructor. On the sixth of May of the same year, a dress parade was held for Father Corby. The President was highly pleased with the formation and promised to procure rifles, field pieces and uniforms. The field pieces arrived in June 1880, and in the following January, 100 breech-loading Sharpes rifles were issued to the school. The Military Company, as it came to be known, was instructed for a six-month period in 1882 by no less a personage than Colonel

Elmer A. Otis, Commanding Officer of the 7th U.S. Cavalry, who spent a six-month leave of absence at the University. At this same time, the military classes were put on the same footing with other University classes.

The military training reached a turning point in 1885 with the arrival of Professor Hoynes. The Military Company of Seniors was reorganized as "Hoynes Light Guards." A second company from the Juniors referred to as the "Junior Company" and an underclassmen group was formed and designated as "Sorin Cadets." All three groups were armed

and uniformed, the Light Guards wearing the regulation gray officers' dress. Professor Lieutenant Colonel Hoynes continued the instruction of the Cadets until 1910 when a Captain Stogedall and Color Sergeant Herring were detailed to the University of Notre Dame for the purpose of conducting military training.

In September of 1918, a unit of the Students Army Training Corps was organized and established at the University with a Captain William P. Murray PMST. During World War I, 2,200 Notre Dame men served in the Armed Forces. Of this number, 46 men made the supreme sacrifice. After World War I, military training did not extend beyond drill performance. With the beginning of World War II, the U.S. Navy organized a U12 unit at the University. In the Fall of 1951, the Army returned to the Campus with an Engineer Branch ROTC unit. In 1952, this was converted to a General Military Science Course, and the University became a model for other institutions converting branch type ROTC units to the General Course.



## We Are Alpha Company

This past semester was full of many experiences for all of the members of A Co. For the MS IVs, it was a chance to polish the skills they've learned in ROTC over the past four years, in order to prepare themselves one last time for the step into active duty. For MS IIIs, it was a chance to step into leadership positions for the first time, so as to ready themselves for Advance Camp '85. For the MS Is, this was a semester of orientation into the basics of Army life.

Company training this semester involved drill and ceremony, physical training, squad movements, and individual movement techniques. Most of the training was introductory in nature, designed to orientate the MS Is to these phases of Army life. The MS IIIs will receive much more intensified instruction in these and other areas of military skills next semester, so as to better prepare them for advance camp this summer.

Training was concluded for the semester at the lab on 6 Dec. '84. During this lab the MS III's of A Co. battled the MS III's of B Co. in a drill competition.

Although both company's MS IIIs drilled with great precision, A Co. distinguished itself as the better of the two. Special congratulations to C/SFC Kulmayer, who did an excellent job as platoon sergeant in leading A Co. to victory. Also at this lab, several members of A Co. were recognized with awards for their outstanding service to ROTC this past semester.

Although only the new battalion staff was introduced during the change of command ceremony, there will be some new faces at key positions in A Co. next semester as well. C/1Lt Martin Doyle will replace C/1Lt Suzie Reilly as Co. XO. C/1Lts Tim Vuono and Mike McKay will replace C/2Lt Rob Nye and C/1Lt Andy Harter as 1st and 2nd Platoon Leaders, respectively. C/1Lt Oscar Moreiga will once again be back as the 3rd

Plt Ldr. And last but not least, I will be retaining my position as Co. Cdr through next semester. To all the outgoing members of A Co. staff, I wish to sincerely thank you for your time, support, and cooperation, and wish you the best of luck in your new positions. I would also like to welcome incoming members of A Co. staff.

This past semester was most enjoyable for this Co. Cdr. I was very impressed with the motivation and enthusiasm shown by the company throughout the semester. And I greatly anticipate next semester being more challenging and exciting for all involved.

Finally, I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy new year. Enjoy yourselves over break and, people... "lets be careful out there."

C/CPT Pete Dolan  
A Co. Cdr

**Thanks to all who made this issue possible  
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"Shamrock" masthead.**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**