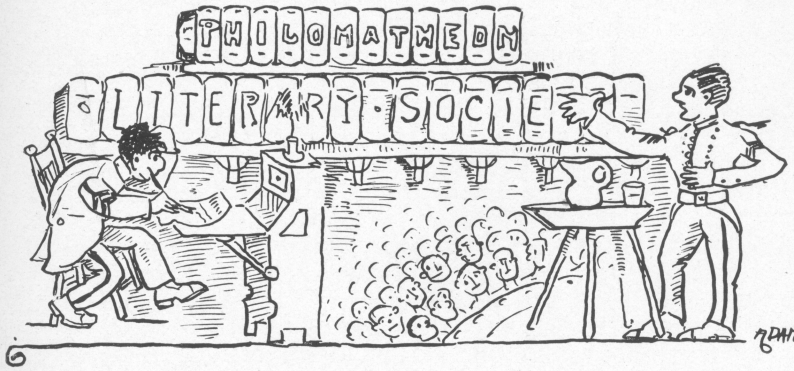

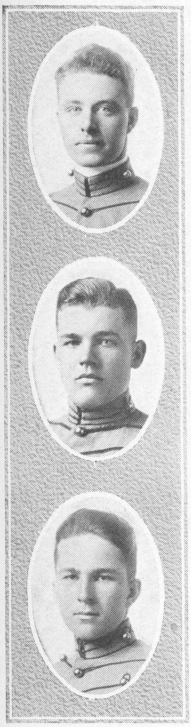

THE OFFICERS

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DONALD DEMENT..... Secretary-Treasurer

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THE PHILOMATHEON LITERARY SOCIETY.

This society was organized in the year 1913-14. Last year, through the able leadership of Jack Hunt, as President, we enjoyed some excellent programs. However, we encountered great difficulty in obtaining speakers. Most of our members were too bashful to stand before an audience and present their arguments in a forceful manner, and so we were limited to a faithful few, who did much toward making the society a success.

The year 1914-15 saw a great change made by a clause in the constitution, which provides that all members must serve on one or more programs as required. Thus, the main difficulty or problem of last year was easily solved.

Lieutenant Clifford Fitzgerald was elected President of the society this year; Captain James Mollison, Vice President; and Sergeant Donald Dement, Secretary and Treasurer. These three officers have taken the lead in all the affairs of the society and are all good speakers and debaters.

At first the meetings were held weekly during the last period, and were open to members only, but later on, through the co-operation of the Superintendent, the meetings were held during the first period of every Monday. The other periods of the day were shortened, allowing the society about an hour for the the program.

A debate was held at each regular meeting, and also several short declamations and recitations were given. The programs were interesting and varied, and were greatly appreciated by the members of the society.

Several extemporaneous debates were held and this line of work gave valuable training in quick thinking and expression.

The several members of the society are enthusiastic boosters for its continuation next year, and we hope that it may prosper in the years to come. The practice which we have had has not made us orators of note, nor prepared us to try cases in the Supreme Court, but we all agree that it has given us invaluable training in the art of public speaking, which will be useful in later years.

The Academy, this year, entered the County Debating League and we were scheduled for our first debate with Bostonia High School. This double debate was probably the most important event in which the society took part this year. The question for debate was: "Resolved, That the United States Should, at the Close of the European War, Propose General Disarmament." The Academy was represented at Bostonia by Lieutenants Fagg and Fitzgerald, upholding the negative side of the question, and the home ground was defended by Cadets Steinmann and Fraser. At Bostonia our opponents were two members of the fair sex, and naturally they were given the decision, but by a very close score.

The representatives from Bostonia also gained the decision at the Academy, although our men put up a hard fight. As we lost in this debate we were no longer in the run for the county championship. Although defeated, we put the Academy on the map as having some very live material, and next year there is no reason why, with hard work and careful preparation, we cannot claim the championship.

Contributions of nearly eighty dollars were donated as prizes in oratory and composition. Of this amount about thirty dollars remains to be awarded this year as prizes for literary work in connection with this society. This should be enough of an inducement to promote considerable interest, and some fine work is expected in this line. While considereble has been accomplished by the society this year, let us strive for still greater things in the following years.

The Academy Gun Club

CLIFFORD K. FITZGERALD.



THE GUN CLUB

The Gun Club enjoys the distinction of being the youngest and yet one of the most successful student organizations in the Academy.

This club was formed as a result of an announcement, issued less than six months ago, inviting all officers and cadets interested in the formation of a gun club to meet in the Commandant's office and express their views on the subject.

The first meeting was well attended and was followed by a special meeting held the following morning at which the members started things off right by electing Captain S. A. Purviance, detailed by the U. S. Government as Professor of Military Science and Tactics, President; and Corporal H. G. Pratt, Secretary and Treasurer. Sergeant H. Seaton and Corporal Woods were elected managers.

The constitution provides for a semi-monthly tournament and makes it possible for members, desiring to use the range for shoot-

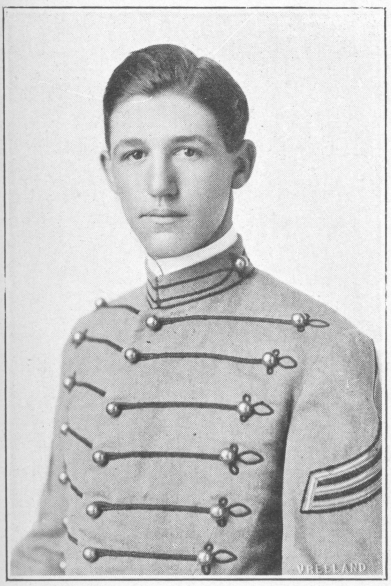
ing practice or private tournaments to do so on obtaining a permit from the secretary.

The range is situated a half mile from the Academy and can be readily reached by wagon road or foot path. The position of the range is one of the best obtainable, the traps being so arranged that the shooter is not troubled by air currents or the dazzling rays of the afternoon sun.

Up to the formation of this club, the majority of the present members had not had the opportunity to experience the joys and sorrows of trap shooting, but in the short time they have been shooting have showed such a keen interest in the sport, and skill in establishing a record, that it is anticipated that the club will soon be in a position to compete with the various organizations of this kind located in this section of the state.

The club has not only succeeded in developing a first class shooting team but has also done much toward promoting and encouraging the goodfellowship for which the Academy is famous and it is, in the opinion of the general student body, an organization that has come to stay and flourish.





Alumni Notes

DONALD E. HAGEMAN.

The most important step yet taken by the graduates of the Army and Navy Academy was the organization of the Alumni Association. This event took place during the Christmas vacation, when most of the Alumni were home for the holidays.

The meeting was held at the U. S. Grant Hotel, with the following present: Clinton Smith, John C. Dement and Nat Fox of the class of 1914; H. B. Reed, Carlos Kohler, W. J. Hunt, Albert Anderson, Donald E. Hageman, David M. Hunter, Oscar Jensen, Arthur Lane, Milton Roberts and Walter Tyree.

Besides those mentioned there were several others who were admitted to membership who had attended the A. & N. A. for at least two years.

The following officers were elected:

President, Harold B. Reed.

Vice President, Clinton Smith.

Secretary and Treasurer, John C. Dement, Jr.

A social committee was appointed by the President to plan for an Alumni banquet to be held during the commencement week of 1915.

The majority of the alumni have entered college, with, of course, the larger number going to the University of California. John C. Dement, 1912, is at U. C., as are also H. B. Reed, Arthur Lane and Albert Anderson. Occidental College claims Carlos Kohler, Walter Tyree and Clinton Smith. Nat Fox is in his Junior year at Pomona, Eddie Simpson is at the University of Southern California. Herbert Tiffany is in his second year at the University of Illinois. Donald E.

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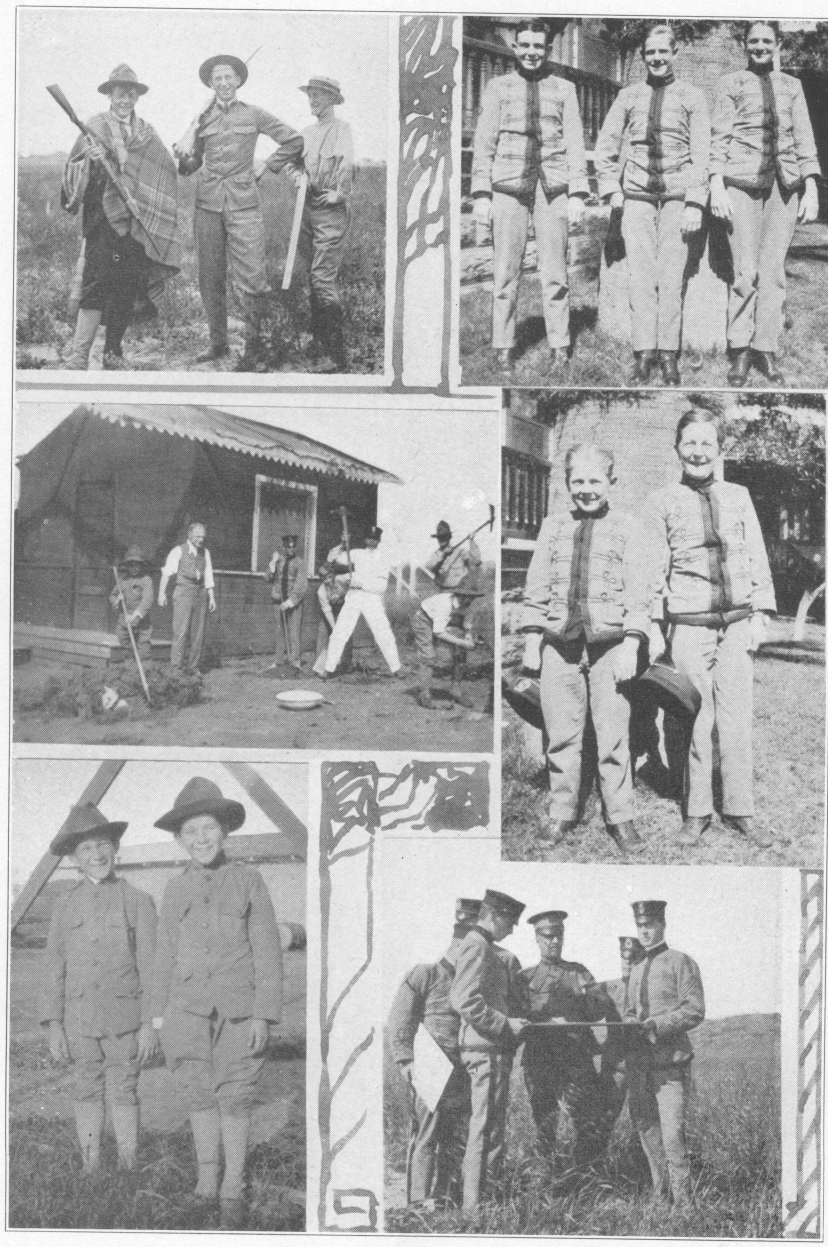

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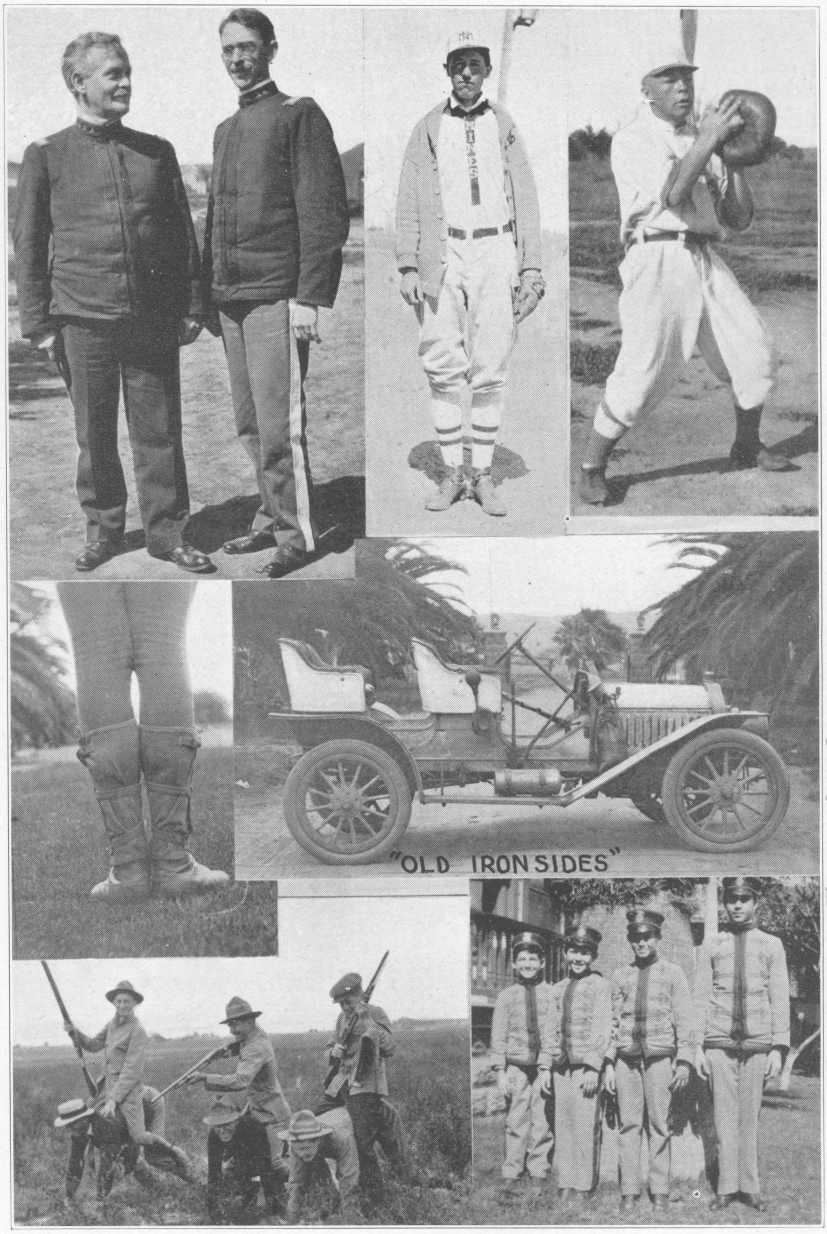

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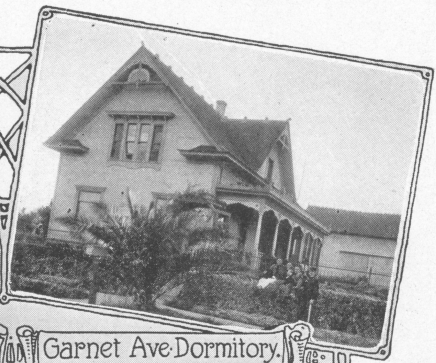
One Of The Dining Rooms.



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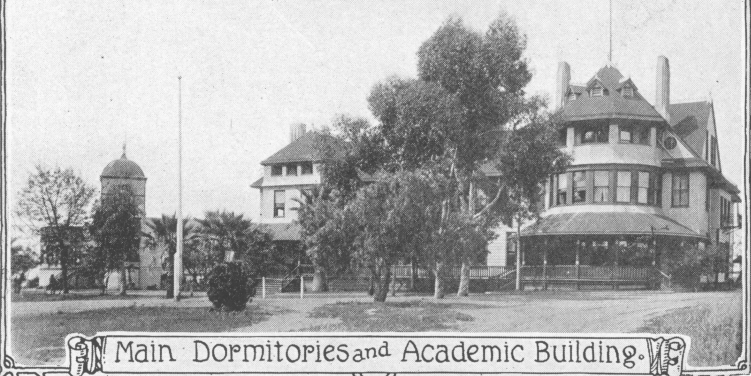
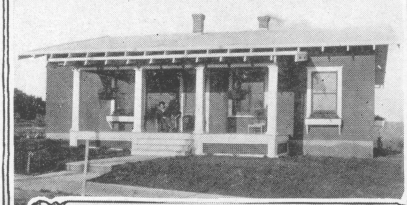


Main Dormitories and Academic Building.



The Superintendent's Residence.



Servants' Quarters.



Students' Tent Houses.



A. P. GATES.

The social life has received more encouragement this year than any time in the school's history.

Mrs. Payne, our House Mother, has done more than anyone else to aid the social life in the school.

Some of the students, who, at the beginning of the term would be fit subjects for a doctor if a young "bud" smiled at them, are now sought for, on every occasion and are now "lions" to say the least.

The Cadets gave three Receptions. They were appreciated by all and were a success in every way. Such affairs bring us all closer together and create a more contented atmosphere in the school.

Chesley Mills, the conductor of the San Diego popular Symphony Orchestra, invited the student-body and faculty to attend the third concert of the year. The whole school attended and enjoyed it. It was the best number of the year—a remarkable performance in every respect.

The student-body fully appreciates the fact that it heard the best Symphony on the Pacific coast.

The Senior-Junior Dinner given by Captain Davis in the Academy dining room, was enjoyed and appreciated by all who attended. We,

the Juniors, look forward to next year when we will occupy the seats of honor.

The Senior-Junior Dance given at the Ladies' Clubhouse, Pacific Beach, on the evening of May 22, was indeed a brilliant affair.

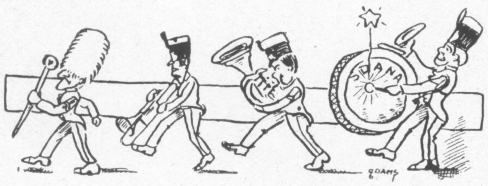
Many friends from San Diego were present and helped to make the dance a success. The girls represented the best in the world.

The clubhouse was decorated with gold and green, the class colors, and American Beauty roses, the class flowers.

The Cadets wore the full-dress uniform of the school, which lent a dignified and military spirit to the event.

The music was excellent; the time, the place, and the girls were right, and so we could not help but have a good time.

In closing, the Seniors wish the Juniors the best of success for next year, and hope they will have as pleasant a year as we have had this year.



THE ALUMNI.

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Hageman is a student at the New Mexico State School of Mines.

Those of the Alumni who have taken up business life are Paul Singer, W. J. Hunt, Dave Hunter, Oscar Jensen and Milton Roberts.

Every member of the association is doing his best to further the interests of the A. & N. A., and to do his part in building up one of the very finest military schools in the west. A large number have planned to attend the commencement week exercises and to be every help they can to Captain Davis and his Faculty in making the closing week of 1915 a great success.