



W&L R.O.T.C. Head Colonel Jack P. Burch

Colonel Jack P. Burch Assumes New Position At Head Of ROTC

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Colonel Jack P. Burch has now filled the position as head of the W&L Department of Military Science, which was left vacant last spring.

Burch, a native of Columbus, Ohio, graduated from Ohio State with a degree in chemical engineering in June, 1940. While at Ohio, he was a member of Delta Chi Social fraternity and Tau Beta Pi, honorary engineering fraternity. Upon graduation, he entered commercial engineering for two years.

In November 1941, when the war interrupted his profession, Burch enlisted as a Reserve Officer in the Corps of Engineers, having been commissioned a Second Lieutenant upon graduation from Ohio State.

During the war, he served as an instructor in Engineer Training Centers throughout the United States. At the close of the war, Major Burch was stationed as Post Engineer at the Arctic Indoctrination Center in Big Delta, Alaska.

His assignment was with the Far East District of the Corps of Engineers in Korea where he remained for thirteen months, until October '62.

A graduate of Command General Staff College in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, Burch taught military science at the University of Oklahoma from 1950 to 1953.

Burch has been awarded the Army Commandation Ribbon with an Oak Leaf Cluster for outstanding service both as a company commander and as a batalion commander. An Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded

for outstanding service on two command positions.

His son Douglas Burch, is now studying electrical engineering at VPI in Blacksburg. He and his wife, Betty, live in the Popular Hill area, just out from Lexington.

Referring to the ROTC Department here, Burch says he finds it, "a very well organized and well run department, so far."