



ROTC officers appointed for the coming year are (left to right): Arthur Portnoy, Executive Officer for the W&L Battalion; Sam Bloch, Battalion Commander; and Henry Knight, Operations Officer. (Photo by Bill Bowen)

Bloch, Portnoy, Knight Head ROTC; Scabbard & Blade Society Disbanded

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Newly-appointed ROTC officers for the 1962-63 school year will be headed by Sam Bloch, KA from Gadsden, Alabama, who has been made a lieutenant-colonel and the Battalion Commander.

Military department announce-

ments also named Major Arthur Portnoy, ZBT from Warrenton, Virginia, the Executive Officer for the W&L Battalion. New Battalion Operations Officer is a Sigma Nu from Nicholasville, Kentucky, Major Henry Knight.

The Headquarters Company Commander for the next year is Captain Bob Van Rennselaer, Phi Delt from Basking Ridge, New Jersey. Captain Tom Raines, KA from Atlanta, has been appointed Commander of "A" Company Commander of "B" Company is Bob Payne, a Delt from Louisville, Kentucky. Four other newly-appointed captains are also Battalion Staff Officers: John M. Graham, Tom D. Edwards, Charles T. McCord, and Woody W. Wise.

Appointments are based on previous college performances in the military program, not from summer camp records.

Scabbard and Blade Disbanded

A marked difference in the 1962 ROTC department is the disappearance of Scabbard and Blade, honorary military society. The W&L chapter was disbanded during the spring semester last year by the members themselves. Major A. J. Moller of the military department stressed no pressure was brought to bear on the men, and that there is no assignable reason for the voluntary disbanding.

SWMSFC MEETING

There will be a meeting of the Student War Memorial Scholarship Fund Committee Wednesday, Oct. 13, at 8:30 p.m. in the Student Union Building.

Fifty-four W&L ROTC cadets attended the 1962 six-week summer camp held at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, for students at the end of their third year of military service. The camp, in session from June 23 through August 3, involved the practical application of military technology. At least six Distinguished Military Students awards were earned during the course of the camp; superior leadership is the requirement for the honor.

Of the 21 colleges and universities represented at the camp, the W&L contingent scored a sixth place rating overall, placing the group in the upper third. Sam Bloch, W&L's new Battalion Commander, was awarded the Best Cadet Award from his company composed of 200 cadets.

Three Staff Additions

The military department underwent three staff changes to begin this school year. First Lieutenant D. A. Branscome has been appointed to replace Captain H. J. Hall, a professor here for three years, now departed for duty in Vietnam. Lt. Branscome will teach junior ROTC students. Sergeant McSheffrey replaced Sergeant McMillion, who left for service in Germany.

The new commander of the Department of Military Science, replacing Major E. J. Roxbury, is Lieutenant Colonel Jack P. Burch, presently a member of the Engineer Corps stationed in Korea. Lt. Col. Burch will leave Korea in October to arrive here in November. He has previously been a member of the ROTC detachment at the University of Oklahoma.