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• Here we go again with our ROTC squabbles. We're in for another Sunday drill and it won't be easy. The officers are going to be tough with you now. We had a lot of relaxation last semester, so we have to be stricter now, especially that the Tactical Inspection is drawing near. We have barely three months to prepare ourselves for that day, and we, cadets, will have to expect many things from our cadet officers, more so from the platoon leaders.

THE PLATOON LEADERS

The last issue was a rosary of names, beginning from the topmost brass to the last Company Commander. Now we have the honor of presenting to you our glittering-buckled basic officers of the different platoons.

First on the score are basic officers of Alpha Company composed of Cdt 1st Lt Ronnie Yngayo, Executive Officer; Cdt 1st Lt Angelito Broñola, 1st platoon ldr.; 2nd Lt Victoriano Siao, 2nd platoon ldr.; and that handsome Cdt 2nd Lt Tito Trinidad, 3rd platoon ldr.

Bravo Company has Executive Officer Cdt 1st Lt Luis "Day-O" Dy, the singing betanoiere, 1st platoon ldr., Cdt 1st Lt Eulalio Bendamillo, the brother of the Second Bn Cdr.; 2nd platoon ldr., Cdt 2nd Lt Alexander Sanchez, and 3rd platoon ldr., Cdt Lt Henry Bondoc. Alex Sanchez, one might note, was one of those Filipino Boy Scouts sent to the United States in 1955 for a two-month tour in its major cities.

Charlie Company is proud of Cdt 1st Lt Rogelio "Butaks" Murcia, Executive Officer; Cdt 1st Lt Eulogio "Daredevil" Bonsukan, 1st platoon ldr.; Cdt 2nd Lt Gemiliano Guardiairo, 2nd platoon ldr.; and Cdt Lt Gilberto Mangubat.

The basic officers of the last company of the 1st Bn, Delta Co, are the following: Cdt Lt Teodorico Laudevica, Executive Officer; Cdt 1st Lt Adriano "Giant" Medillin, 1st platoon ldr.; Cdt, 2nd Lt Federico Notarite, 2nd platoon ldr.; and Cdt Lt Lope Lindio Jr., 3rd platoon ldr.

The first company of the 2nd Bn, Echo Co, has as its Executive Officer, Cdt 1st Lt Antonio "Cimaron" Taling-ting assisted by muscled man Cdt 1st Lt Guido Escobar (1st platoon ldr.); Cdt 2nd Lt Joaquin "Samson" Angulo (2nd platoon ldr.); and Cdt 2nd Lt Rolando Eborias (3rd platoon ldr.).



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Our "ten tail men" are the basic officers of Foxtrot Co and they are Cdt 1st Lt Luis Manzano, Executive Officer; Cdt 1st Lt Romeo "Doctor" Solon, 1st platoon ldr.; Cdt 2nd Lt Hercules Banico, 2nd platoon ldr., and Cdt 2nd Lt Romulo "Tennis Boy" Montebon, 3rd platoon ldr.

Our toughest officers are assigned in our toughest company, Golf. Men who can eat and skin you alive are: Cdt Capt Climaco Villanueva Jr., Executive Officer, Cdt Capt Hammabad Jaquez, 1st platoon leader (our Houdini); and Cdt 1st Lt Eduardo Ajoc, 2nd platoon ldr.

THE GUIDON BEARERS

Next, we are proud to present to you our guidon bearers of the different companies. Although they have for their weapons the guidons only, yet, they play an important role in Tactical Inspections and in parade and reviews.

Firstly, for Alpha Company, we have Cdt Sgt Mario Escario; for Bravo, the handsome lover-boy, Cdt Sgt Eduardo Avila; for Charlie, Cdt Sgt Avelino Uy, and for Delta Company, Cdt Sgt Augusto Reynes.

The Second Bn has the following guidon bearers: Cdt Sgt Dodong Uy for Echo Co, Cdt Sgt Teves for Foxtrot Co, and Cdt Tabada for Golf Company.

RECONNAISSANCE—A FLOP

Last semester, Major Garcia with

his trusted men and staff officers went on a reconnaissance to Mantalongon to determine whether the place was ideal for a bivouac area or not. Unluckily, we had all the jinx we could bring, including myself: Louie the giant, Willy the tower, and other big guys. Admittedly, we do not know the place and we were almost off it when our tire went flat and our clutch became defective. We at once asked barrio people where Mantalongon was. They replied that we had already about five kilometers passed the place. We had to go again.

The way back home also proved eventful. We again had a flat tire and our clutch was destroyed thrice. We drove home only on third gear. There was no changing of gears whatsoever. Thanks to the driving talent of Eulogio Bonsukan, to Ramon Roska who escorted us on his own car, and to Major Garcia who drove back for us in Talingting's car, we reached home safely.

THE RUMORS

There's been a lot of rumors lately about Major Garcia's transfer to the Training Battalion of the Third Military Area which means his relief as commandant of the ROTC unit of this University. We hope this is not true. We need him so badly. ♪