

FIRST TO DO 50-MILE HIKE.

Lieut. Vernon Completes Endurance Test at Naval Academy.

Special to The Washington Post.
Annapolis, Feb. 18.—Lieut. Walter Vernon, appointed from Michigan and graduated in 1901, now on duty at the Naval Academy, has the distinction of being the first officer here to complete the 50-mile walking test for physical fitness. He completed his stunt yesterday and reported to the superintendent. He was in the pink of condition. His walking was done in the prescribed three days, in which the regulations only allowed him 20 hours of actual stepping. The first 48 miles he did in slightly over 11 hours, going over a 24-mile route twice on two successive days, and then finishing off the remaining two miles on the third day.

CADETS ESCAPE DISMISSAL.

President Acts on Sentences Imposed by Court-Martial and Frees One.

The sentence of the court-martial in the cases of Cadet Privates Carl F. McKinney, of the third class, and Calvin M. Smith, of the second class, both of whom were convicted of infringement of the rules and sentenced to be dismissed, have been acted on by the President. In the case of Cadet McKinney the President commuted the sentence to restricted confinement until July 1, with punishment tours during that period.

The findings of the court in regard to Cadet Smith were disapproved, and he will be restored to duty. He was charged with conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman, but the President held that the evidence did not warrant conviction.

TO SUPPLY BRASSARDS.

Medical Department Receives Instructions Under General Orders.

Under general orders issued by Gen. Bell, chief of staff, the medical department of the army is now charged with the duty of providing stamping and delivering brassards to all persons entitled to neutrality under the articles of the Geneva convention, and also with the duty of providing and delivering necessary certificates of identity to persons attached to the sanitary service who do not have a military uniform.

These duties heretofore devolved on the quartermaster's department. Brassards are cloth bands around the upper arm bearing the insignia of the Red Cross.

MAJ. KELLER TRANSFERRED.

He Will Relieve Col. Adams in Rivers and Harbors Work in Michigan.

Col. Milton B. Adams, corps of engineers, in charge of rivers and harbors work in the vicinity of Grand Rapids, Mich., will be relieved of that duty March 1 by Maj. Charles Keller, corps of engineers, stationed at Detroit, Mich., and will proceed to await retirement April 11 next.

Col. Adams is the senior colonel of his department. He was born in Pennsylvania, and was graduated at the United States Military Academy in June, 1865. He was stationed at the War Department for several years, under Gen. Casey, and reached the grade of colonel in April, 1904.

SAYS YANKEE WILL BE SAVED.

Commander Marsh in Washington to Attend Meeting Saturday.

Commander C. B. Marsh, of the cruiser Yankee, which sank in Buzzards Bay while being towed to New Bedford, Mass., is in Washington to attend a meeting of the naval militia organization.

The commander expressed his confidence that the contractors will succeed in raising the Yankee, the work on which has been retarded by the weather.

Midshipmen Asked to Resign.

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Annapolis, Md., Feb. 18.—The resignations of twenty midshipmen are called for as a result of the recent semi-annual examinations at the Naval Academy. Ninety-six of the young midshipmen were found deficient, but only twenty will be dropped. The list of those who will be dropped is: First class, F. Cannon; second class, C. C. Julian, F. G. Peters, and H. W. Renner; fourth class, E. F. Croker, jr., R. H. Grayson, J. M. Lott, R. Pfaff, M. L. Savage, H. B. Dawson, F. W. Grube, H. J. McDonald, J. L. Reeves, R. Vaill, O. L. Downs, L. H. Gray, M. Hudson, G. P. Oakley, W. J. Russell, and C. S. White.