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CHIEF RUNNING BUFFALO

A former track star who for three consecutive years captured the two most important cross-country titles in the East and set five new Academy records while running for West Point was assigned recently to "A" Company of the 17th Infantry "Buffalo" Regiment as a platoon leader.

The name Richard Shea should be familiar to most track fans. The slender, long-winded cadet was one of the outstanding American distance stars in 1949 through 1952.

Unlike most runners Lieutenant Shea had little experience prior to entering the Army. "I did hold the five-mile steeplechase record at Virginia Polytechnical Institute," admitted the soft spoken native of Portsmouth, Va. "But I didn't get into straight distance running until I was recalled to active duty by the Army."

While serving in Germany in 1947 as a communications sergeant, Shea won the Costabulary and European 1500 and 5000 meter runs. That same year he captured the Mediterranean-European 5000 meter race and participated in the Berlin GI Olympics. Army personnel from many European countries ran in the Berlin servicemen's meet.

A few months later the 25-year-old athlete received an appointment to Stewart Field, N.Y., the U.S. Army Military Academy preparatory school. As a member of the school's track squad, Lieutenant Shea competed against Army teams representing all parts of the country.

Shea entered West Point in July of 1948. Hampered by a foot injury that prevented him from running cross-country, he won his numerals as a member of the Academy gymnastics team. Shea performed on the parallel bars.

Spring of 1949 found the fleet plebe undefeated in both the 880 and mile runs against collegiate junior varsity competition. That same spring Shea set the Academy outdoor two-mile record which even he was unable to shatter during his brilliant varsity career.

Lieutenant Shea was in top form for the fall cross-country season. He completed the schedule undefeated and moved to first place in both the Inter-Collegiate Amateur Athletic Association of America meet and the famous Heptagonals, which featured nine of the Eastern United States' major colleges.

Running the mile and two mile races in the spring of 1950, Shea lost only two events. According to the young lieutenant, the highlight of that particular track season was the Seton Hall Relays 1 1/2 mile race in which he defeated the famous Mordechai Ashenfelter and several other athletic club stars.

Shea repeated his cross-country triumphs of the previous year by winning the IC4A and Heptagonals. He climaxed the season by placing fourteenth in the National Collegiate Finals at East Lansing, Mich. The 175 man field competed in two feet of snow.

During the 1951 track season Lieutenant Shea suffered no defeats in dual meets. He placed second behind Elwyn HSI man Fred Wilt in the Penn Relay two-mile classic. For the third straight cross-country season Shea capped the IC4A and Heptagonals. He was undefeated in dual meets.

The soft spoken Southampton set four new Academy records during the indoor and outdoor season. (continued on page 2 column #2)

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Sports

MAJOR LEAGUE SCORES

American League:

Boston's right hander Willard Nixon posted his first victory of the season spacing seven hits for a 6-2 victory over the last place Detroit Tigers in the first game of a doubleheader Saturday.

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| TEAM | R | H | E |
| Boston | 6 | 11 | 1 |
| Detroit | 2 | 7 | 0 |
| WP: Nixon | LP: Herbert | | |
| HR: (B) White | | | |

A single by Phil Bizzuto scored the lead run and opened a three-run splurge in the sixth inning for the New York Yankees yesterday, to win a 6-2 victory over the St. Louis Browns.

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| TEAM | R | H | E |
| New York | 6 | 8 | 1 |
| St. Louis | 2 | 6 | 0 |
| WP: Scarborough | LP: Flyske | | |
| HR: (SL) Kokos | | | |

Mike Garcia hurled a five hit shutout over the Philadelphia Athletics yesterday 2-0, as Bob Avila hit his fourth homerun in the first inning for the Cleveland Indians win.

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| TEAM | R | H | E |
| Cleveland | 2 | 9 | 0 |
| Philadelphia | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| WP: Garcia | LP: Byrd | | |
| HR: (C) Avila | | | |

National League:

Jim Hearn and Hoyt Wilhelm teamed up in near 90 degree heat yesterday to blank Chicago with two hits for a 3-0 New York Giant victory.

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| TEAM | R | H | E |
| New York | 3 | 5 | 2 |
| Chicago | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| WP: Hearn | LP: Klippstein | | |

An eight run rally in the ninth inning enabled the Cincinnati Reds to break a 7-7 tie yesterday and beat the Pittsburgh Pirates 15-7.

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| Cincinnati | 15 | 14 | 0 |
| Pittsburgh | 7 | 13 | 1 |
| WP: Smith | LP: Friend | | |
| HR: (C) McMillian and Tempo | | | |
| (P) Hermanski | | | |

Robin Roberts retired 15 batters before surrendering a hit to post his 100 Major League win yesterday as the Philadelphia Phillies beat the Milwaukee Braves 3-2.

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| Philadelphia | 6 | 11 | 1 |
| Milwaukee | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| WP: Roberts | LP: Wilson | | |
| HR: (M) Hanebrink | | | |

Gil Hodges' three run homer in the ninth inning, his second of the day, gave Brooklyn a 5-4 decision over the St. Louis Cards yesterday to send the Dodgers into the National League lead by one percentage point.

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| Brooklyn | 5 | 7 | 1 |
| St. Louis | 4 | 9 | 1 |
| WP: Labine | LP: Miller | | |
| HR: (B) Hodges (2) | | | |

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track seasons his last term at West Point. Shea ran the indoor mile in 4:10 and racked up a 9:05 in the indoor two-mile. On the cinder path he flashed to a 4.11.5 mile and almost broke his own two-mile mark set as a plebe. In addition he ran the half-mile for the first time in three years, setting a new record of 1:54.

When Lieutenant Shea graduated in July, 1952, he was awarded the Army Athletic Association Award presented yearly to the cadet who contributes the most to athletics during his four years at West Point. Shea was also named to the 1949 and '50 All American Cross-country squads.

Although the former distance ace has been in Korea only a few weeks, he already holds one of the few records available on the frontlines. "Shea made the trip between two outposts in five minutes," boasted Shea's company commander, 1st Lt. William Roberts.

The young Buffalo officer says that he doesn't mind walking between outposts or climbing Korean hills. "I think these ridges are good conditioners," said Shea. "With the World Olympics only three years away, I need to keep in shape."

By Sgt. Pete Vogt