

98TH COMPANY



First Lieutenant Clayton Marquardt, Second-in-Command of the 98th Company, is the dime-novel, brains-and-brawn, Frank Merriwell fictional character brought to life—in most respects that is. Another Yalie, he stands several inches over six feet, and he has excelled in every sport he has tried. In fact, these sports revolved around him: he was the quarterback in football, the catcher in baseball, and the center in basketball—and, he captained, or co-captained, on every team. He was also the swim squad’s best swimmer. He is “frank” to a fault and “merry” beyond words, but when it comes to “well”—well, he breaks from character: this Merriwell impersonator drinks like a fish and smokes like a chimney. What he has is personal magnetism in spades: he is attractive, interesting, sincere, persuasive, down-to-earth, and, he has a command voice that carries well

and instills confidence. With all of that ammunition on his belt, he seems to be the kind of man that men will follow anywhere. The upcoming days will likely test that axiom

