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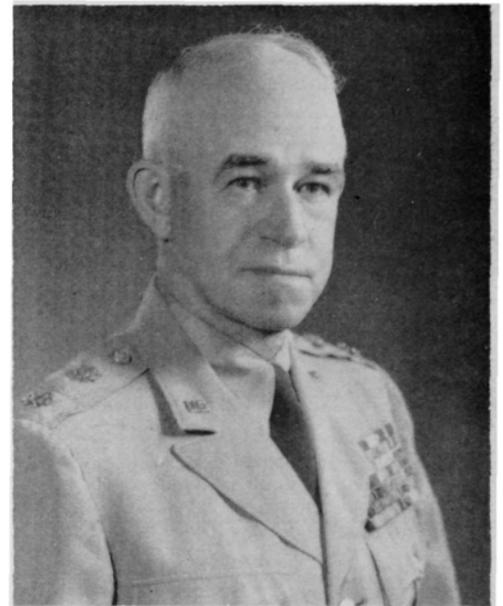
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FIFTY years have passed since I participated in West Point's Centennial exercises. These fifty years of war and peace have seen emerge from West Point's classes a succession of graduates who have given the country an indomitable leadership which has never failed the Academy's great traditions. As I look beyond those fifty years to the day I joined the long grey line, I recall I then felt that as an Army "brat" the occasion was the fulfillment of all my boyish dreams. The world has turned over many times since then and the dreams have long vanished with the passing of the years, but through the grim murk of it all, the pride and thrill of being a West Pointer has never dimmed. And as I near the end of the road, what I felt when I was sworn in on the Plain so long ago, I can still feel and say—that is my greatest honor. I have no doubt but that those who now compose the Corps will find the same satisfaction I do now in reflecting upon this day of theirs fifty more years hence.

Douglas MacArthur
'03.

IN these troubled years a babel of voices seeks to confuse our thinking and scatter us in the pursuit of mean and empty purpose. More than anything else, the world needs faith in the simple fundamental values; the qualities of decency and of right.

Every one of my American associates in this headquarters, whether or not a former cadet, agrees that West Point symbolizes the things that should guide us. Her motto embraces them all. The one hundred fifty year record of her graduates reminds us that West Point is a national asset beyond all price.

Dwight D. Eisenhower
'15.

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A GRADUATE of West Point is expected to be a leader of men.

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West Point can be proud of a century and a half of military leadership to the nation.

Omar N. Bradley
'15.

The Department of Mechanics, U.S.M.A.

By LIEUTENANT COLONEL G. J. MURRAY, Class of 1937, Associate Professor

The Department of Mechanics is one of the oldest departments of the Military Academy. Its origin is found in the Act of Congress of 29 April, 1812, reorganizing the Military Academy; here provision is made



COLONEL OSCAR J. GATCHELL,
Professor and Head of the
Department of Mechanics

Colonel Gatchell graduated from the Military Academy in 1912, the Command and General Staff School in 1928, and the Army War College in 1937. After four years in the Coast Artillery, he was detailed to the Ordnance Department with which branch he served continuously for twenty-four years. He came to West Point in 1938 to assume the position of Professor of Ordnance. Two years later Colonel Gatchell was appointed permanent Professor of Natural and Experimental Philosophy (now known as "Mechanics") and has been Head of the Department ever since.

for the Professorships of "Natural and Experimental Philosophy", of "Mathematics" and of the "Art of Engineering in all its Branches". From the organization of the Academy in 1802 until the passage of this act, natural philosophy constituted no part of the course of instruction, although occasionally a few of the more advanced students were taught mechanics and practical astronomy.

The earliest statement of the scope of the course is found in regulations approved 2 July 1816 by the Secretary of War; these provided for "Philosophy, embracing mechanics, hydrostatics, hydraulics, pneumatics, optics, the elements of chemistry, electricity, magnetism, and astronomy" At that time, the Department presented practically all of the physical sciences taught at the Academy, and it was named, appropriately, the Department of Natural and Experimental Philosophy. Until the summer of 1817 the instruction was of the most elementary na-

ture, "not a few graduates leaving the Academy without having had any instruction therein. The only apparatus in the Professor's possession to illustrate his subject were a field transit and a clock" In the fall of 1818 a treatise on mechanics by Dr. Olinthus Gregory, of the Royal Military Academy at Woolwich, was introduced and taught to the first section of the class. It was apparently too difficult for the others, for another text was used for the remainder of the class.

Subsequent to this simple and informal beginning the Department has added to and subtracted from its scope from year to year. A few of the more significant changes were as follows:

In 1820, "machinery, including experiments in heat" was added to the course and chemistry was transferred to the Department of Chemistry and Mineralogy. In 1839 the subjects of electricity and galvanism were transferred to Chemistry and in 1853 the subject of acoustics was added to the Department. In 1866 the forerunner of physics, or as it was called then, "the mechanics of molecules", embracing the general principles of sound, heat and light was added to the course in mechanics. This was essentially a lecture course. In 1882 a subcourse in wave motion replaced the subcourse in mechanics of molecules. In the spring of 1921 a short course in aerodynamics was presented for the first time, and it is interesting to note that one of the three lecturers sent to West Point by the Chief of the Air Service was Major Oscar Westover, who later became Chief of the Air Corps. This subject was continued until the war years, and in 1942 was absorbed into the course in Fluid Mechanics. In 1930 a course in physics was established in the 3rd Class year with the Professor of Natural and Experimental Philosophy in charge and using instructors from the Department of Mathematics. The following year the Department of Physics was established and the courses in elementary mechanics, wave motion and sound and light were transferred to that Department. Surveying was taught by the Department for three academic years, from 1931 to 1934, when it was transferred to the Department of Drawing. In the spring of 1934 a course in thermodynamics and prime movers was added; some elements of this subject had been taught until that time by the Department of Civil and Military Engineering and the Department of Chemistry and Electricity. In the same year a series of laboratory exercises in hydraulics was presented for the first time, and astronomy, now reduced to the status of a small lecture course, appeared for the last time. In 1940 strength of materials, formerly taught by the Department of Civil and Military Engineering, was added to the course.

The result to date of the many changes made throughout the years is that the Department now teaches only analytical mechanics, strength of materials, thermodynamics and fluid mechanics. In 1942 it was recognized officially that the Department no longer had a monopoly on practically all the physical sciences, and the Department of Natural and Experimental Philosophy was renamed the Department of Mechanics.

Since its establishment only seven professors have administered the Department. Lieut. Colonel Jared Mansfield, C.E., commissioned from civil life in 1802 as Acting Professor of Mathematics, was the first pro-

fessor, serving from 1812 to 1828. He "was much beloved and respected by the cadets and deemed an efficient instructor. He was extremely nearsighted and of such a delicate structure as to convey the idea of de-



COLONEL ELVIN RAGNVALD HEIBERG,
Professor of Mechanics

Colonel Heiberg graduated from the Military Academy in 1926, and received a CE degree from Cornell University in 1929. His war-time service consisted principally of two and a half years of duty as an Engineer in the Southwest Pacific Area. His previous teaching experience includes duty as an instructor at the West Point Preparatory School in Hawaii, in the Department of Civil and Military Engineering at West Point, and in the School of Logistics at Fort Leavenworth. Colonel Heiberg was appointed to his present position in November 1949.

crepitude. His manner was very gentle, and as a professor he was by no means rigid. As an astronomical observer he was quite renowned, and he had been engaged, before coming to the Academy, in extensive surveys of boundary lines"

Second Lieutenant Edward H. Courtenay C.E., who was the honor man of the Class of 1821, was Professor from 1829 to 1834. General Cullum states that it was his good fortune "to be daily under Professor Courtenay's admirable instruction, to profit by his great erudition in philosophy, to listen to his sweet voice making clear every at struse point, to receive liberally of his hoarded stores of knowledge, and to share that tender consideration and fostering care which he bestowed on all his pupils". Since his pay was in inverse ratio to his great abilities, Courtenay found it necessary to resign in 1834 in order to provide for the wants of his increasing family. After leaving West Point he added to his outstanding

CURRICULAR CALENDAR

	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	
MECHANICS OF FLUIDS	THERMODYNAMICS 39*			WGR 4	THERMODYNAMICS LABORATORY 15	FLUID MECHANICS 37			WGR 4	FLUID LAB. 6
MECHANICS OF SOLIDS	STATICS 28*		KINEMATICS 11	WGR 4	KINETICS 21		STRENGTH OF MATERIALS 35		WGR 6	

(*) DENOTES NUMBER OF ATTENDANCES. CADETS ALTERNATE DAILY BETWEEN SOLIDS AND FLUIDS.

reputation in the profession of civil engineering and as an educator. He was Professor of Mathematics at the University of Virginia when he died in 1853.

Second Lieutenant William H. C. Bartlett, C.E., honor man in the Class of 1826, succeeded Courtenay and served as Professor until his retirement in 1871. At the time of his death at the age of 89, he was an actuary for the New York Mutual Life Insurance Company, and had gained a reputation as an eminent educator and writer.

Bartlett was succeeded by Captain Peter S. Michie, C.E., of the Class of 1863. Michie was born in Scotland, and before his appointment as Professor was thrice breveted Brigadier General. He was the father of Dennis M. Michie, who introduced football to the Military Academy, and for whom Michie Stadium is named. Michie served until his death in 1901 at the age of 62, after having earned a widespread reputation as an outstanding educator.

Colonel William B. Gordon of the Class of 1877 was the next Department Head. Gordon was an outstanding Ordnance Officer, having invented a carriage for a 12 inch mortar. He retired from the Professorship in 1917, but served in the Ordnance Department in 1917 and 1918. Colonel Gordon died in Florida in 1938, at the age of 84.

In 1917 Colonel Clifton C. Carter of the Class of 1899 was appointed to succeed Colonel Gordon. It was in large measure Colonel Carter's constant striving for improvement that enabled the Department to develop during the next twenty-odd years to something approximating its present form. Throughout his professorship increasing emphasis was put on practical applications of theoretical studies. Largely through his efforts a new hydraulics and thermodynamics laboratory was established, and the course was kept at a high level of efficiency. Colonel Carter retired in 1940, was advanced on the retired list to the grade of Brigadier General in 1948, and died in Washington on 19 September 1950.

Colonel Oscar J. Gatchell, of the Class of 1912, the present Head of the Department, was appointed on 1 August 1940.

In 1946 a Second Professor was authorized and on 27 February 1947 Colonel Kenneth D. Nichols, of the Class of 1929, was appointed to this position. On 21 April 1948 he was detached on temporary duty, made a Major General, and assigned in the Department of the Army as Head of the Special Weapons Project.

To fill the vacancy caused by the reassignment of General Nichols, Colonel Elvin R. Heiberg of the Class of 1926 was appointed Acting Professor on 17 July 1949, and Professor on 23 November 1949.

Until recent years the course was taught largely by analytical methods. Practical work was limited to work in astronomy, and a well equipped observatory was maintained under the supervision of the Department for use in that course. A few simple experiments were also performed in sound and light. During Colonel Carter's professorship greater emphasis was placed on practical work, and under his guidance laboratory courses in hydraulics and thermodynamics were established, utilizing hydraulic pumps and turbines, internal combustion and steam engines, refrigerating and air conditioning equipment and a wind tunnel. This policy has been pursued vigorously by Colonel Gatchell, and the laboratory facilities have undergone a continu-

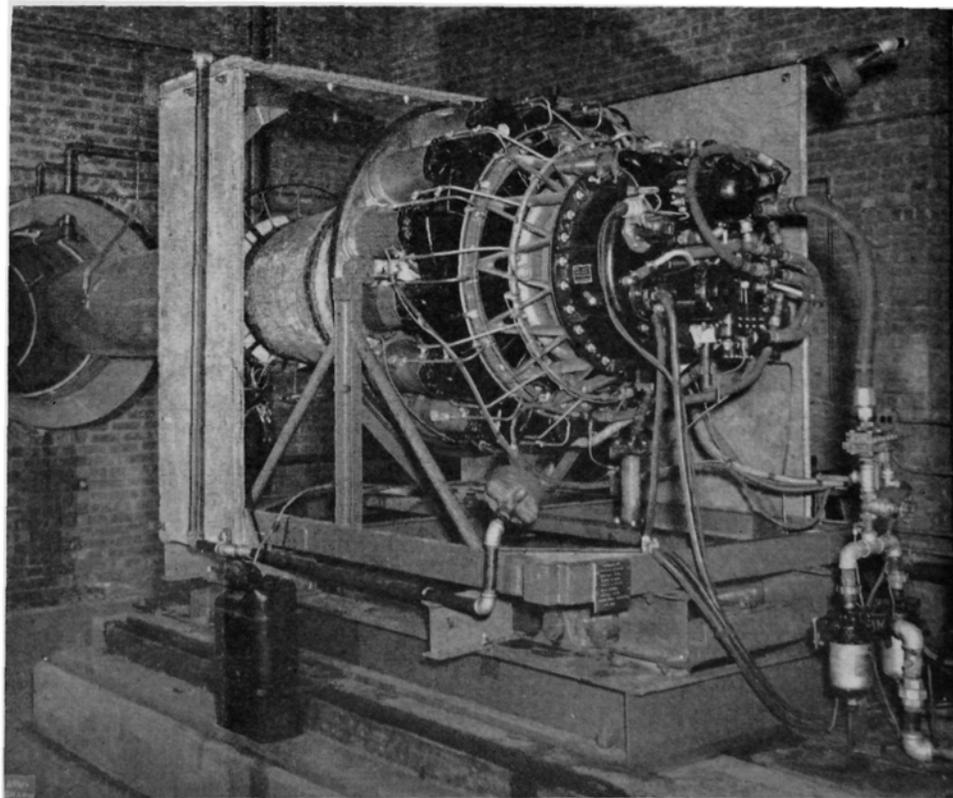
ing program of expansion and modernization. Obsolete machinery has been replaced with modern equipment, and a continuing effort is being made to obtain prototypes of equipment most likely to be encountered in service. Two new Cadillac engines for light tanks have been obtained recently from the Detroit Arsenal; a new steam turbine has been installed; cut-away models of the Pratt and Whitney R-2800 engine, the Allison engine and the J-33 jet engine have been obtained, and early this year a complete test cell for a jet engine was donated and installed by the Air Materiel Command, and is being used for cadet instruction. Because of the tremendous amounts of intake air and exhaust gases used and produced by this engine, and the difficulty of silencing it effectively, it has been necessary to install this latest acquisition in the Riding Hall, with provision for its exhaust over the river.

In addition to the progress in the improvement of the fluid mechanics and thermodynamics laboratories, the Department is now establishing a strength of materials laboratory, and plans to operate it for cadet instruction on a limited basis this spring. By then the universal testing machine now installed will have been joined by two similar machines with smaller capacities and hydraulic controls, a torsion machine and an impact machine. It is anticipated that the laboratory work in this subject can be expanded without omitting any essential classroom work. Efforts will be continued to maintain a finely equipped, well balanced and modern laboratory. Its estimated present valuation of \$500,000 is a far cry from "one field transit and one clock" of 1817!

As has been customary for many years, cadets of the Second Class attend Mechanics daily throughout the year, attending for one hour and twenty minutes. Laboratory periods are one hour and 55 minutes in length, but this inroad on the cadet's time is compensated for by reducing materially the amount of outside preparation required for laboratory attendances.

In an effort to avoid overcrowding of the laboratories during the short time available for the presentation of these exercises, it was found expedient late in 1947 to separate Mechanics of Solids, comprising analytical mechanics and strength of materials, and Mechanics of Fluids, comprising thermodynamics and fluid mechanics. Until that time the subjects had been taught in sequence, a cadet taking analytical mechanics daily and completing it before taking thermodynamics, etc. Now two courses run concurrently, with cadets attending each on alternate days. The two parts of the Department are, accordingly, run separately under separate Associate Professors, and only in rare cases is an instructor moved from Solids to Fluids or vice versa. The arrangement of the subcourses is shown in the chart which accompanies this article.

The purpose of the Department since its inception has been to give every graduate a sufficient background of the physical sciences to enable him to carry on the technical work with which he will probably be confronted during his career as an officer. At the same time the course seeks to increase the cadet's reasoning powers, and to inculcate self reliance in the solution of problems met in the classroom and after graduation.



SUCCESSOR TO THE HORSE

The newest piece of equipment in the Mechanics Laboratory is a complete jet engine test cell with a J-33 engine mounted therein. In addition to fuel consumption, revolutions per minute, and temperatures and pressures at various parts of the engine, the test stand enables accurate measurement of thrust, so that complete performance data can be obtained. The test cell is located in the Riding Hall. It was presented to the Academy by the Air Materiel Command and installed by personnel sent to West Point from Wright Field.



Emerson At West Point

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An interesting and little-known episode in Emerson's career has to do with his tour of inspection as an official visitor at the United States Military Academy at West Point. It may seem to put some strain on the imagination to picture the sixty-year-old sage of Concord watching with intense interest the maneuvers of a battery of field artillery, the sweat-begrimed cadet artillerymen riding the rolling caissons; watching the pieces go into action, observing the bursts of ten-inch mortar shells; hearing the command "Pass in review!" ring over the parade ground and watching dress parade; showing the most lively interest in the whole training program at the Academy, keenly enjoying the color and excitement of the spectacle.

The task of the Board of Visitors, authorized by the War Department on July 1, 1816, but introduced in 1819 during the superintendency of Major Sylvanus Thayer, "The Father of the Military Academy", was to conduct an annual inspection of the Academy and "to report to the Secretary of War, for the information of Congress . . . the actual state of the discipline, instruction, police administration, fiscal affairs, and other concerns, of the Institution".¹

In 1860 Emerson had indicated in his essay on "Power" some interest in and knowledge of the Academy. He had reported in that essay an experiment on ordnance by Col. Buford, chief engineer, which illustrated the power of "drill, the power of use and routine": Emerson had concluded that "great is drill".² *Per se*, such an interest could hardly be construed as evidence of his fitness to serve as an inspector of a military establishment. Precisely why Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton extended on May 6, 1863, an invitation to Emerson to be one of the members of the Board for that year is matter for speculation. Stanton knew him personally, and possibly Charles Sumner had suggested that the pre-tige of Emerson's name would help solidify northern unity.

Emerson apparently undertook his "tour", however, somewhat reluctantly. He arrived at Roe's Hotel in the village of West Point on June 1, 1863, a Sunday, expecting that his official duties would be completed in two days' time so that he

could return home to Concord. He found to his consternation that he was expected to serve for sixteen days. A letter to his wife on the day of his arrival stated that he had "no time or patience for any such term", that he would "disengage" himself at the earliest possible opportunity;³ he wrote to his brother William that the term of sixteen days was "quite beyond any patience" of his: "What a ridicule is or appears an examination of 16 days! for any issue that I can learn is to come of it!"⁴

But on Tuesday, June 3, a different tone crept into the letter to his daughter Ellen;



he informed her that he had not yet found out when he could disengage himself, and that he was "kept pretty well occupied".⁵ Some of his determination to get away at the earliest possible opportunity seems to have left him. When he actually did leave is unknown, but it seems a safe guess that he stayed for the entire sixteen days; his notes show that he took an increasing interest and pleasure in all he saw—the recitations, drill, riding and other exercises in the field, and dress parade. John Burroughs, before he was introduced to Emerson at the Point, took him for an "eager, alert, inquisitive farmer".

"Evidently, I thought, this is a new thing to him; he feels the honor that has been conferred upon him, and he means to do his duty and let no fact or word or thing escape him. When the rest of the Board looked dull or fatigued or perfunctory, he was all eagerness and attention. He certainly showed a kind of rustic curiosity and simplicity".⁶

Emerson was soon saying that "West Point Academy makes a very agreeable impression on me".⁷ With his characteristic delight in associations with youth he talked with many of the cadets, being particularly interested in Cadets John R. Meigs and Peter S. Michie, who ranked first and second, respectively, in the First Class. Meigs, son of Quartermaster-General Montgomery C. Meigs, had fought at Bull Run during his furlough as a member of the third Class and was later shot by guerrillas in the Shenandoah Valley in 1864. Michie, an Ohio boy, the son of a Scottish watchmaker, during the later years of the war rose from a first lieutenantcy to the brevet rank of Brigadier General and afterward returned to the Point as professor for thirty-four years and became the author of several books on scientific and military subjects. But at the time Emerson talked with him Michie was known chiefly for his superior academic record, for his popularity with his fellow cadets, and for his infectious laugh. When he was a pebe, in fact, George A. Custer, then an upper classman, was said to have collected a crowd around Michie "to hear my fellow Buckeye laugh".⁸

Emerson's notes show that he was impressed with the military bearing of the cadets, their probity, veracity, self-reliance, loyalty to each other, and superb discipline; he thought it "excellent that such tender youths should be made so manly and masterly in rough exercises of horse and gun and cannon and muster; so accurate in French, in mathematics, geology, and engineering; should learn to draw, to dance, and to swim".⁹ As a member of one of the special committees of the

1 Act of Congress, August 8, 1846.

2 *The Complete Works of Ralph Waldo Emerson*, ed. by E. W. Emerson, Boston, 1903-1904, vol. VI, p. 77.

3 *The Letters of Ralph Waldo Emerson*, ed. by R. L. Rusk, N. Y., 1939, vol V, pp. 329-330.

4 *Ibid.*, V, 330

5 *Ibid.*, V, 330.

6 From a letter to James Elliot Cabot, quoted in Cabot, *A Memoir of Ralph Waldo Emerson*, Boston, 1887, vol II, p. 613.

7 *The Journals of Ralph Waldo Emerson*, ed. by E. W. Emerson and W. E. Forbes, Boston, 1909-1914, vol. IX, p. 512.

8 E. D. J. Waugh, *West Point*, N. Y., 1944, p. 107.

9 *Journals*, IX, 512.

Board he had inspected an examination in one of the science classes and had come away convinced that the interest of the trainees should be concentrated on attaining superiority in science: ". . . Whoever knows the most must command". With respect to the common allegation that the Academy was a "hotbed of aristocracy"—that sons of the wealthy or of prominent government officeholders enjoyed preference in gaining admittance—Emerson said that this was the "word of some political hack".¹⁰ He suggested, however, in Carlylean phraseology, that the government should actively seek to make the Academy a "true aristocracy, or 'power of the Best',—best scholars, best soldiers, best engineers, best men", who would be "indispensable" to the country. He saw clearly that the graduates were providing the nuclei of the Civil War armies.¹¹

Emerson found the administration under the superintendency of Major Alexander H. Bowman efficient and more mild in discipline than he had expected. He was particularly pleased to find the Academy free of the kind of "criminal justice" which he remembered from his own undergraduate days at Harvard—the demerit system whereby a well-behaved but dull youth might in the final scholastic standings outrank a brilliant but disorderly classmate. Here at the Point, under martial law, every cadet was instantly responsible for his behavior to his superior officers, and for neglect of duty or infringement of the regulations was committed to the guardhouse, had to undergo extra punishment tours of patrol duty, or was demoted. In more flagrant cases he was discharged, as Poe had been in 1831. Emerson was pleased with the insistence on good hours and regular routine, and with the careful keeping of the cadets within bounds, for the sake, his editors insist with gentle victorianism, of "protecting their innocence during the years when college boys in their first absence from home or school *surveillance*, are subjected to temp-

tation and ill example".¹² Indeed Emerson did say that the Hudson and the mountains kept these "military monks" within limits so that "under dangerous observation" it was difficult for them to fall into "bad company".¹³

Emerson thought that the entrance examinations should be more severe, that Congress should be urged to enact legislation making them competitive, and that instruction in parsing and spelling should be eliminated from the curriculum. He approved of the Academy's famed blackboard system of recitation, in operation then as now. As a historian of the Academy observed in 1863, through the use of the blackboard as a primary feature of the academic instruction of each cadet "the thorough understanding of the subject . . . is determined, while memory is thereby rendered subservient to the powers of reason".¹⁴ Emerson also applauded the employment of upper-class cadets as acting Assistant Professors, so that at examinations both student and examiner were on trial.

He was particularly pleased with the barracks rooms, "perfectly clean, . . . every article orderly disposed", ready for inspection at any time. As Emerson entered, each cadet and his roommate ("wife") would snap to rigid attention. The visitor observed the mattresses rolled into scrolls on the twin iron cots. "Who makes your bed?" "I do." "Who fetches your water?" "I do." "Who blacks your shoes?" "I do." Such a demonstration of self-reliance could not fail to impress this official visitor. "These," he said in a lecture the following month, "are the first steps to Power".¹⁵ This incident made such a strong impression that he referred to it again in his 1864 lecture on "Public and Private Education".¹⁶

In his journal Emerson listed eight books, including *Tom Brown at Rugby*, *Tom Brown at Oxford*, and George Herbert's poems, which he either suggested to the cadets as good reading or to the Administration as desirable additions to the Academy library. A loose sheet of "West Point Notes" in the journal, to be used apparently for an informal address to the cadets, indicates that he intended to re-

mind them that there was a "difference between a soldier and his cannon" and to say to them, "Your ways inspire lively curiosity. I thought two days sufficient. I could willingly spend twenty, and know the power and hope and career of each youth".¹⁷

Edward Emerson reported that his father was "greatly pleased with everything he saw" at the Point.¹⁸ When he left this "civilization built on powder", he recorded the prophetic reflection that "A new invention to-morrow would change all the art of war".¹⁹

Emerson's signature is subtended to the Board's official report. His biographer Rusk conjectures that he may have got a commendation of the study of ethics inserted. The Board members confessed embarrassment because of their inexperience at such inspections but added that former boards had functioned with the same disadvantage.²⁰

There are two explicit later references to the Point in Emerson's published writings. In 1867, after a railroad journey down the east bank of the Hudson, he recorded his awareness of the beauty of the location of the Academy;²¹ and he went there again in January, 1872,²² possibly to lecture. The institution had left its impression on his memory. It is quite probable that he was recalling his observations as an official inspector when in one of his last lectures in 1880, he told his audience in the Hillside Chapel of the Concord School of Philosophy that in most walks of life "they only prosper or they prosper best who have a military mind, who engineer in sword and cannon style, with energy and sharpness".²³

The West Point interlude was not a major phase of Emerson's career. Rather it was a curious episode of the Civil War years which affords evidence of his conscientiousness and vigor in attacking practical problems and reveals the importance he attached to self-reliance in military education. The lively interest he showed in the training program, and especially in the cadets themselves, reveals that at the age of sixty he still had a sympathetic understanding of and feeling of kinship with young men.

10 An analysis of the occupations of the fathers of the 260 cadets enrolled in 1863 shows that Emerson was right. See Capt. E. C. Boynton's *History of West Point*, N. Y., 1863, p. 324.

11 One historian of the Academy states that at the end of the war, ". . . all of the armies in the field on both sides were commanded by graduates; nearly all of the corps; a large majority of the divisions; the staff corps or organization of supply of both forces, and many of the brigades. Every important battle of the war was commanded on one or both sides by a graduate—generally both". (Capt. R. C. Richardson, Jr., *West Point*, N. Y., 1917, p. 35.)

12 *Journals*, IX, 515.

13 *Ibid.*, IX, 515.

14 Boynton, *op. cit.*, p. 272.

15 *Works*, X, 251. Recorded originally in *Journals*, IX, 517.

16 *Uncollected Lectures by Ralph Waldo Emerson*, ed. by Clarence Gohdes, N. Y., 1932, p. 14.

17 *Journals*, IX, 516.

18 *Works*, X, 561.

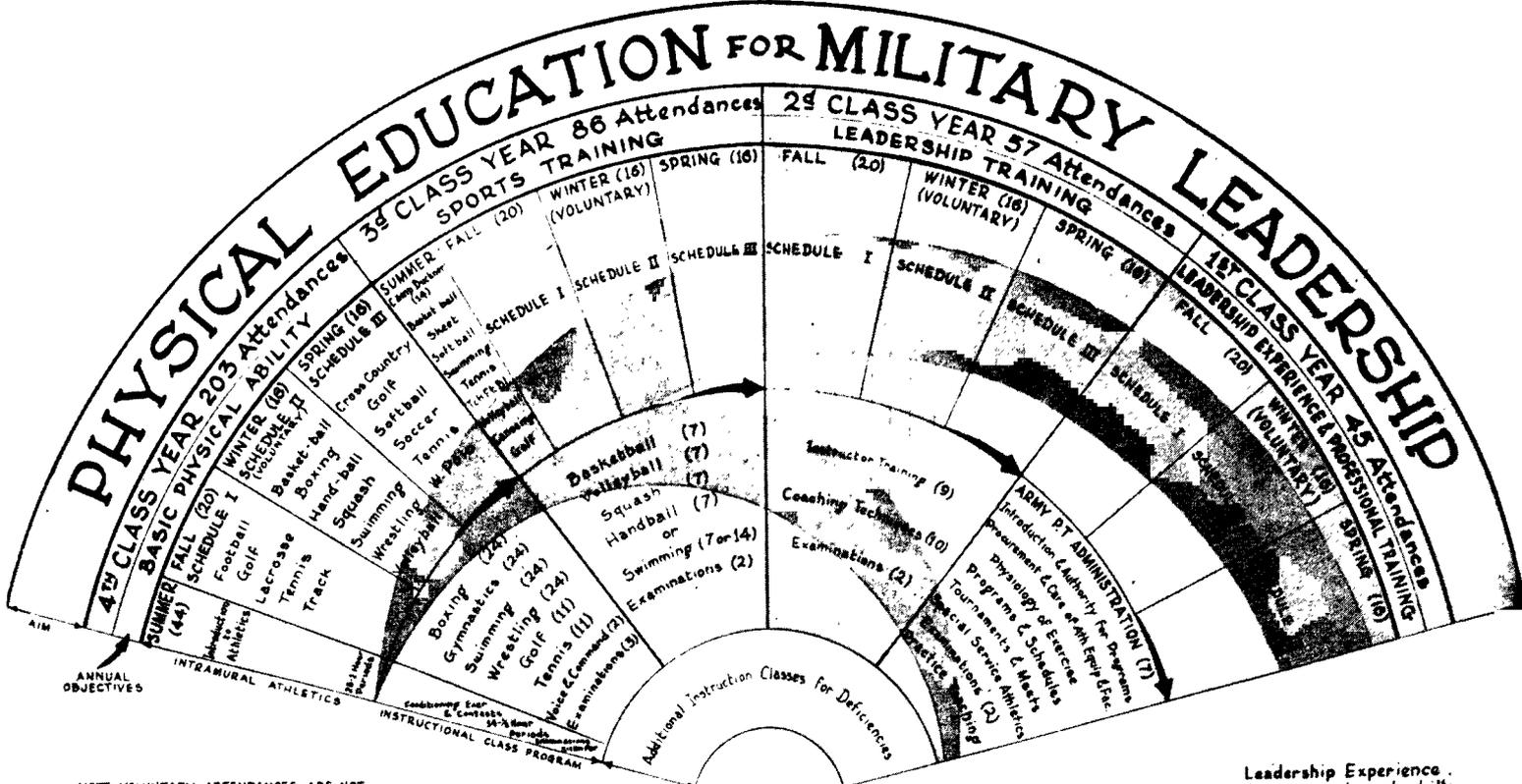
19 *Journals*, IX, 518.

20 H. R. Ex. Doc. 1, 38th Congress, 1st Session; quoted in *Letters*, V, 329.

21 *Journals*, X, 200.

22 *Letters*, VI, 194, 196.

23 *Works*, X, 38.



By **LIEUTENANT COLONEL EDWIN A. MACHEN, Jr., Class of 1938,**
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The Red Comforter once again is issued to cadets but the wear and tear it was forced to undergo in former years has been drastically reduced and, strangely enough, at the cadets' own volition. It is not that the current generation is allergic to a little shut-eye or bunk fatigue; what cadet hasn't cherished his extra-curricular snooze. Something new has been added.

The monotonous cycle of barracks, mess hall and academic buildings, the hibernation orbit of the red comforter squad during late fall, winter, and early spring has been bent considerably out of shape. The eternal triangle has given way to a more attractive rectangle with the cadet gymnasium providing the newest side.

This trend from the soporific to the physical, from the land of Nod to exercise and honest sweat, can be traced to a number of causes. More adequate gymnasiums and indoor swimming pools are available, a modern cadet locker room which can accommodate the entire Corps has been built, and a very popular voluntary Winter Intramural program is in operation. Possibly a major cause is the current Physical Education program at the Academy.

The Physical Education program has changed considerably during the last ten years. Not only has the Instructional program been expanded and broadened but improvements and additions have been made with the aim of better preparing the graduate for his future service as an officer of the Army or the Air Force.

Cadets of all classes now participate in the Instructional program. More emphasis has been placed on Boxing, Wrestling, and Swimming. Apparatus, or Gymnastics, remains in the course but has been placed on a more practical plane; fencing no longer

is taught. Tennis and Golf instruction is now included in the Fourth Class course. The Third Class receives instruction in Basketball, Volleyball and Advanced Swimming, with Handball and Squash substituted for Swimming for those Third Classmen who have qualified in Lifesaving. Practical courses in Instructor Training and Coaching Techniques are the Second Class subjects. First Classmen in turn receive a short course in Service Physical Training Administration to assist them in executing Service physical training programs as company officers after graduation.

Summer and winter seasons have been added to the Intramural program and competition for the Banker's Trophy is very enthusiastic and closely contested. More outdoor and indoor facilities for intramural use are available. Distinctive athletic uniforms are provided for each cadet company and intramural equipment standards have been raised. Upperclassmen serve as coaches, assistant coaches and officials in each sport, thereby putting to practical use the results of their Coaching Techniques course and gaining additional sports leadership experience.

Reduced to its essence, the aim of the four-year Physical Education Course can be stated simply as "Physical Education for Military Leadership" In the Plebe and Yearling years practically all of the instruction is pointed toward developing in each cadet strength, endurance, coordination, agility, and traits of character, the sum total of which is basic physical ability. The emphasis shifts in the Second Class Year to leadership through instructor training classes and coaching clinics. Finally, First Classmen acquire confidence and practical exper-

ience through ample opportunities in teaching, coaching, and officiating.

Throughout the four years the cadet is introduced to sports of carry-over recreational value to prepare him for maintenance of physical fitness in later life. The shading of the above chart indicates the emphasis on the three objectives, namely; physical ability, leadership, and carry-over sports, during the four years.

NEW CADET TRAINING

When the New Cadets reach West Point in July, they take part in a special program designed to bring them to a standard of physical condition adequate for the needs of cadet life. The leadership for physical training and sports in this summer program is provided by the members of the First Class detail, who serve as cadet instructors under the close supervision of the instructors of the Office of Physical Education. In preparation for their duties in this program the First Classmen are given a brief refresher course during the last week of June, consisting of a review of the techniques of leadership, of conditioning exercises and various sports activities.

The conditioning phase of the summer program consists of fourteen vigorous morning half-hour periods during July. In these classes each New Cadet is taught Drill One, the first sequence of basic Army conditioning exercises. He also acquires some experience with rifle exercises. These sessions are rugged, and rapidly build strength and endurance in the New Cadets.

The summer program is no longer confined to callisthenic activities. The New Cadet also participates in a sports program built around twenty-eight afternoon attendances in various athletic activities, which

INTRAMURAL ATHLETICS

SEASON and SPORTS	AVERAGE NUMBER OF PLAYERS ON EACH OF THE 24 SQUADS	AVERAGE NUMBER PARTICIPATING	TOTAL CONTESTS	TOTAL ATTENDANCE FOR EACH PLAYER	MAJOR ELIGIBILITY RULES
FALL	1. FOOTBALL ----- 23 2. GOLF ----- 2 3. LA CROSS ----- 18 4. TENNIS ----- 7 5. TRACK ----- 10	1540	660	20	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ELIGIBLE EACH SPORT ONLY ONE SEASON. 2. EVERY PLAYER PARTICIPATES A MINIMUM PERIOD EACH CONTEST 3. VARSITY ATHLETES NOT ELIGIBLE FOR THEIR OWN SPORT. 4. VARSITY ATHLETES NOT ELIGIBLE FOR ANY SPORT DURING CONCURRENT SEASONS. 5. COACH AND ASSISTANT MAY NOT PLAY SIMULTANEOUSLY.
WINTER (VOLUNTARY)	1. BASKETBALL ----- 8 2. BOXING ----- 6 3. HANDBALL ----- 6 4. SQUASH ----- 6 5. SWIMMING ----- 8 6. WRESTLING ----- 6	1284	792	16	
SPRING	1. CROSS COUNTRY ----- 9 2. GOLF ----- 6 3. SOCCER ----- 16 4. SOFTBALL ----- 15 5. TENNIS ----- 7 6. WATER POLO ----- 10	1588	792	16	
SUMMER 3rd CLASS AT CAMP BUCKNER	1. BASKETBALL ----- 8 2. SKEET ----- 5 3. SOFTBALL ----- 12 4. SWIMMING ----- 7 5. TENNIS ----- 6 6. TOUCH FOOTBALL ----- 10 7. VOLLEY BALL ----- 8	1575	196	14	

include softball, speedball, swimming, touch football, volleyball, and water polo. Each cadet company is so scheduled that the members attend four or five times in the same activity before changing to a new sport. The ever-present conditioning objective is first satisfied at each attendance with ten minutes of grass drills or guerrilla exercises which serve as warm-ups, after which teams are organized and play begins.

THE ACADEMIC YEAR

Early in September the Instructional Course in Physical Education begins for the Fourth Class with the start of the academic year. Cadets are assigned to sections of about fifteen men each, according to their relative physical abilities as determined by test at the time of their entrance into the Academy. Eight different levels of section ability allow each cadet to work with others of approximately equal physical capabilities. Each Fourth Classman attends every other day and every Saturday for a period of forty-five minutes.

The greater part of the Fourth Class Course is devoted to Boxing, Wrestling, Gymnastics, and Swimming. These subjects contribute to basic physical skills which build the confidence, courage, and bodily control essential for an effective officer. High standards of instruction coupled with small sections make for excellent results in this important phase of training. The following spring, ten attendances each are devoted to instruction in Tennis and Golf, both of which are among the most popular recreational sports, not only at the Academy but in the Service as well. These widely played individual type sports are among the few available ways an officer can keep in shape when in his later service he finds himself in a staff job or other sedentary assignment.

The Third Class Program is new to graduates since World War I. This course of

thirty hours was reinstated during World War II and revised again in 1947, based on studies made of team sports most generally played in Service programs.

The Third Class attends twice weekly in the afternoon from December through March. Volleyball and Basketball courses are taught to all members of this class, and those cadets who have met all swimming standards during their Fourth Class year receive instruction in Handball and Squash. The remainder are required to continue with Lifesaving instruction in lieu of these two recreational sports.

Beginning with the Second Class year, the emphasis shifts to leadership training. Twenty-one hours are available in this course, which also dates from World War II. The objective is to bridge the gap between personal performance and leadership of others. A practical course of Instructor Training has been designed to prepare the cadet for actual physical training leadership experiences that will follow later in his First Class year. This instruction includes leadership of conditioning exercises, voice and command techniques, and the conduct of informal soldier games. In addition, as preparation for their duties as intramural coaches and officials during their First Class year, Second Classmen receive a Coaching Technique course. Each man specializes in his own best sport, in either Basketball, Boxing, Track, Cross Country, Football, Lacrosse, Swimming, Water Polo, Softball, Soccer, or Wrestling.

Only seven hours of class instruction are available in the First Class year. These are devoted entirely to bridging the gap between the Academy and the Service by discussing problems involved with the organization and administration of military physical training programs. However, this is the year of practical leadership experience. Every opportunity is made for First Classmen to assume

leadership responsibilities. During their last summer at the Academy, First Classmen conduct the physical training of the newly-entered cadets and of the Third Class at Camp Buckner. In addition, each member of the First Class spends two consecutive days as an assistant gymnasium instructor, performing actual leadership assignments in Plebe and Yearling instruction and putting into practice the training he received during the preceding year. Finally, most First Classmen receive coaching or officiating assignments in at least one intramural season.

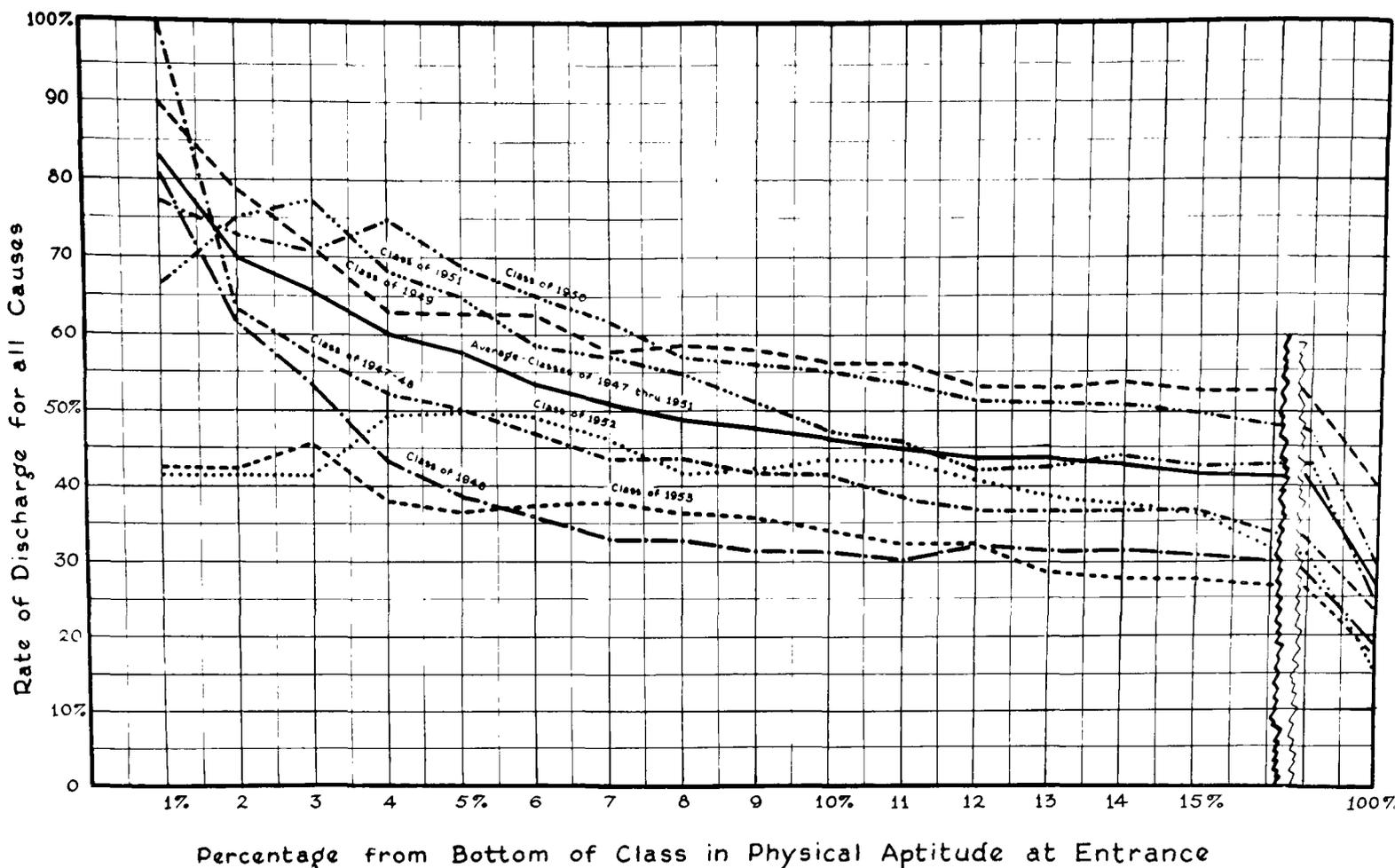
One semi-permanent fixture of the Instructional Program has finally gone the way of the pumps in Central Area. Most older graduates will shed few tears in learning that the "I Co." no longer is an item of cadet issue. For the benefit of more recent graduates, this gymnasium jersey was a grey, Vee-necked, monastic hair shirt which resembled a Mid-Victorian chest warmer before it was manhandled by the cadet laundry. Few graduates will mourn its passing.

INTRAMURAL ATHLETICS

Like the Instructional program, which has been considerably expanded in recent years, the Intramural program has also been broadened and improved. A winter program, which is purely voluntary, was added in 1945 and has made a decided impression on the blue fog of the old Gloom period. For the Third Class at Camp Buckner, a summer program, offering competition in nine different sports, has been added. Other improvements have been made in the Intramurals and today the Academy is recognized as having one of the outstanding intramural programs in the country.

The seeds that Douglas MacArthur sowed on the fields of friendly strife when he instituted Intramural Athletics in 1920 are flourishing more than ever. The cadet receives a broad sports education in both team

PHYSICAL APTITUDE IN RELATION TO DISCHARGE FROM ACADEMY FOR ALL CAUSES



other classes are conducted for those individuals falling below accepted standards. A Corrective Exercise Program is operated for those cadets having severe postural trouble and for those who are over or underweight. Cadets who have been injured or who have spent some time in the hospital attend Reconditioning classes instead of their scheduled physical education instruction. A specially trained instructor supervises reconditioning and provides cadets with adapted exercises, restoring them to top condition before returning them to regular classes or intramural athletics.

Two hundred yards in five minutes is the current swimming requirement at the Academy. For those cadets who are unable to reach their class standard in the pools, Special Swimming classes are provided. Highly qualified and experienced swimming instructors conduct these classes, and no cadet now graduates who is unable to swim the eight laps in five minutes.

FREE TIME

Free time recreation of a sports nature is strongly encouraged at the Academy and all cadets have opportunities to participate in Corps Squad activities or in sports of their own choosing. The gymnasium is open to all cadets every day and every free evening. First Classmen are authorized to use

the gymnasium during evening call to quarters and it is open nightly for this purpose.

A fine ski slope is available for cadet use near the Silver Depository and adjacent to the new Academy Golf Course. Skiing has become a very popular free time activity. The Office of Physical Education maintains the ski slope and supervises its use, providing instruction and qualification tests to the cadets who wish to improve in this growing sport. In addition, a ski room, containing adequate stocks of ski equipment, is open in the gymnasium during the skiing season.

To encourage recreational sports activity, considerable physical education equipment is made available for individual cadet use. During the winter months, ski equipment may be drawn daily or may be signed out for use on week-end leave. In the better weather seasons, cadets can obtain golf clubs and play on the Academy Golf Course or they may take them on week-end leave. Tennis equipment is similarly provided. Team equipment may be borrowed from all Guard Rooms, where basketballs, volleyballs, and similar items are kept for cadet use.

To those who abhor the normal type of calisthenic activity, cadet voluntary conditioning classes are the widest eye-openers.

These classes are conducted four times weekly from late fall through early spring by assigned Physical Education instructors. So great is the attendance at these classes, which are strictly voluntary, that three sessions each afternoon must be scheduled to handle the crowd.

PROGRAM MODERNIZATION

To keep the Physical Education Program abreast of its mission, frequent staff visits are made to Service schools and units in training. Close contact with civilian leaders in physical education has proven invaluable in modernizing teaching and administration. Finally, use is made of questionnaire inquiries of graduate classes. These questionnaires sample opinion of officers in the Service as to the effectiveness of the program and desirable changes which will better prepare the graduate for his future duties. Major curriculum changes in recent years have all been thus validated before adoption.

A time-worn motto, "Every Man an Athlete" was once used to describe the more rigorous side of the West Point curriculum. A modernized version, applicable not only to the revised Physical Education program, but to the graduate as well, might be stated as "Every Man an Athlete, Certified Lifesaver, Qualified Coach, Physical Training Leader, and Physically-fit Prospective Junior Officer".

BULLETIN BOARD

ALL U.S.M.A. ALUMNI PLEASE NOTE!

Sources of Information for Talks on West Point

It has recently come to the attention of the Association of Graduates that some West Pointers who have been called on to address civic and service organizations on the subject of their Alma Mater have been at a loss as to how to secure proper background material on which to base their talks. Actually there is much valuable informative material readily available at West Point and especially prepared to satisfy this need.

The most complete over-all compilation of the many available sources of information is the recently initiated *Index of Current Information, United States Military Academy*, published for the first time in October 1950 and subject to annual revision. As the name indicates, the *Index* does not itself contain the needed source material, but lists the various sources available on any given subject. It has had a very limited distribution to date, the various West Point Societies being the principal initial recipients of the booklet. Obviously the *Index* itself is not of great value unless the user has at his disposal at least a number of the sources listed therein. In the case of an office or headquarters where requests are repeatedly received for talks on West Point, it would be well to have the *Index* on hand, as well as a collection of as many of the listed sources as possible. A request to the Adjutant General of the Military Academy will bring a copy of the *Index*. On the other hand, where you as an individual are called on to make a specific talk about West Point, it will probably be best for you to write to the Adjutant General, U.S. Military Academy, explaining the subject of your talk and the type of talk you desire to make, and he will see that you receive appropriate up-to-date materials for your preparation.

Here is a list of some of the more important materials available for distribution:

USMA Catalog: This is an excellent reference booklet. It has been enlarged and revamped in the past year and contains very complete information. As an example of its contents, here are a few of the headings: History of West Point; The Aim of West Point; The Honor System; Admission; United States Military Academy Preparatory School; Course of Study; Departments of Instruction; Activities and Social Life.

Building Leaders—The Story of West Point: This booklet is somewhat similar to the *Catalog* but not quite as detailed. It presents information about West Point in colorful story form.

West Point—Its Objectives and Methods: This booklet answers many questions often asked about West Point. For example, one of the section headings is "Attrition Rate"; this section explains the normal losses in the Corps by discharge of cadets for various causes. Another section, headed "West Point Postgraduate?", discusses the reasons for maintaining West Point as an undergraduate school for training regular officers for the Army and Air Force.

Aptitude for the Military Service—A Program of Career Guidance in the Corps of Cadets: This booklet should be of particular interest to graduates because it explains the "aptitude system" in effect at West Point during the past few years—the system of ratings and counseling which forms an important part of the leadership training received by cadets, and which also enables the authorities at the Academy to eliminate a cadet whose aptitude for the Service is determined to be unsatisfactory but who is

otherwise proficient in academics and conduct.

West Point Honor System—Its Objectives and Procedures: The contents of this pamphlet are obvious from the title.

The Story of West Point: This 11-page mimeographed story presents a brief account of all phases of activity at West Point encountered by a cadet in four years at the Academy.

Little West Point: This is a mimeographed pamphlet describing the USMA Preparatory School, which is located at Stewart Air Force Base, approximately twelve miles north of West Point.

What a Prospective Candidate to West Point Should Study: The title of this publication is self-explanatory.

West Point Speech: This is a "tailor-made" talk which, with a little retouching by the speaker to add his personal imprint, can be given almost verbatim.

Finally, *Assembly Magazine*, published quarterly by the West Point Alumni Foundation for the Association of Graduates, is recommended to all West Pointers as one of the most valuable sources of current information. Each issue contains major articles about important aspects of the Academy, as well as numerous other articles about West Point of current interest. As examples, successive *Assemblies* of the past year include important accounts of certain Academic Departments of the Military Academy. Careful scrutiny of these accounts will indicate the extent to which the courses of instruction discussed therein have changed in recent years.

Each graduate is strongly urged to take advantage of any opportunity he may have to address appropriate civic and service groups on the subject of West Point. It has also been suggested that the West Point Societies set up "speakers bureaus" which would assist other organizations in finding speakers. Needless to say, any talk about West Point should be based on up-to-date information and should obviously be well prepared. Don't rely on your memory of your cadet days as your only source of information, as this procedure has two important disadvantages: 1. Your memory may have slipped slightly on some points; 2. There have been many changes at West Point since most of you graduated. We sincerely believe that, with the information furnished you in the publications cited above, you will not only be able to prepare a very excellent talk, thus doing your Alma Mater a distinct service, but you will also get a great deal of pleasure and satisfaction in what you learn in the course of your preparation.

ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATES ESSAY CONTEST

The second annual Association of Graduates essay contest for cadet authors was brought to a successful close on 12 March, when Brigadier General C. L. Fenton, Retired, President of the Association, made the presentation of awards to the three winning cadets. The ceremony took place on the balcony of the Cadet Dining Hall immediately after the publication of orders at the evening meal. A brief announcement, naming the winners and their essays, was made by Cadet R. L. Johnson, Editor of the *POINTER*, whose cooperation played an important role

in publicizing the contest. General Fenton then proceeded to hand checks for fifty dollars each to Cadets John R. Byers and William L. Givens, both of the First Class, and to Cadet Edmund R. Thompson of the Second Class.

The contest was first announced in early December, and a deadline date of 1 February was set for submission of entries. The following excerpts from the rules for the contest indicate the purpose and restrictions of the competition:

1. Each article shall be a character sketch of a deceased graduate of the U.S. Military Academy, who, by an outstanding exploit or exploits, demonstrated to an unusual and inspiring degree those traits of character inculcated at West Point. The graduate need not be generally recognized as famous.
2. Each article shall be between 1,500 and 2,500 words in length.
3. The articles shall be judged on the basis of three factors:
 - (a) reader interest; (b) extent to which the subject's accomplishment or accomplishments are shown to stem from elements of character and education stressed at USMA; and (c) historical soundness.

Of the three winners, each of whom received a fifty dollar award and coequal honors with the other two, Cadet Byers was a repeater. At the presentation of prizes for the first such contest, a year ago, he received a similar award for his essay on Jefferson Davis. This year his article, entitled "The Gentleman from Gatun", dealt with the life of George Washington Goethals, Class of 1880. The other winning competitors were newcomers in the contest this year. Cadet Givens' essay was entitled "A Hero Named Jones" It related the inspiring conduct of Paul M. Jones, Class of 1935, who went to his death in October 1944, in one of the sinking Japanese prison ships, exhorting his fellow prisoners to "die like Americans". Cadet Thompson wrote on the subject "George Sykes: Professional Soldier". Thompson stressed the steady, always dependable qualities which saw Sykes, Class of 1842, rise steadily to the grade of Major General in the Union Army and accomplish feats of courage and leadership which won for his "Regulars" the reputation of being possibly the most outstanding unit of the entire Northern Army.

Although there was no provision in the contest rules for any awards other than the three monetary prizes, the judges were so favorably impressed with a fourth essay that they unanimously recommended a letter of honorable mention for its author. The recipient was Cadet Walter F. Ulmer, Second Class, who submitted a composition on Jacob Whitman Bailey, Class of 1832, Professor of Chemistry, Mineralogy, and Geology at the Military Academy from 1838 until 1857 and the leading American microscopist of his day.

In all, fifteen essays were submitted to the judges. The authors were distributed by classes as follows: 1st—5; 2d—7; 3d—3; 4th—None. In addition to the four graduates featured in the articles already mentioned, the following were selected as subjects of compositions: Thomas J. Jackson, Class of 1846; J. E. B. Stuart, Class of 1854; Stephen Dodson Ramseur, Class of 1860; James H. Wilson, Class of 1860; Lesley J. McNair, Class of 1904; S. B. Buckner, Jr., Class of 1908 (2 essays); George S. Patton, Jr., Class of 1909; Walton H. Walker, Class of 1912 (2 essays); and Colin P. Kelly, Jr., Class of 1937.

Judges for the contest were Cadet R. L. Johnson, *POINTER* Editor; Colonel C. P. Nicholas, Dept. of Mathematics; Colonel C. P. Eastburn, Dept. of Military Art and Engineering; Lt. Col. Walter J. Renfroe, Jr.,

Notice to all West Point Graduates

Cullum's Biographical Register, Volume IX (1950)

Volume IX (Supplement 1940-1950) of *Gen. Cullum's Biographical Register of the Officers and Graduates of the United States Military Academy* is now under preparation at West Point.

This volume will include the records of all those graduated since 1940, to include the Class of 1950, and will continue the records of all other graduates. Since this ten-year period, 1941-1950, includes World War II and the war service of the thousands of graduates who served therein, it is apparent that Volume IX of the Register will be by far one of the most important editions yet undertaken. In scope and detail the Register has no counterpart as a publication. For many years its successive editions have served, and will continue to serve, as a standard reference, insofar as the records of the graduates of the Military Academy are concerned, in many agencies of Government, including the Departments of the Army and Air Force; in some of the best public libraries of the nation, including the Library of Congress; and, of course,

in the private libraries of many West Pointers and friends of the Academy.

The best source of information about a graduate's record is the graduate himself. Therefore a comprehensive form to obtain this information was mailed last fall by the Superintendent, U.S.M.A., with an explanatory letter, to every graduate whose address was then known at West Point. The response to this request of the Superintendent has been most gratifying. Many graduates all over the world have completed their forms and mailed them to West Point. More than 8,000 individual records, including many from Korea, have already been received and are being processed.

But in these times of sudden changes in the addresses of many graduates, the Superintendent's request has probably failed to reach a substantial number whose records are

needed to complete the book. If you are one of these, a request from you to *The Editor, Cullum's Biographical Register, West Point, N. Y.*, stating your present address, will bring a form to you by return mail. Or, if you have received your form and have not as yet completed it, please complete and return it to West Point at once, before the book must go to press. The next edition of Cullum's Register cannot be complete without your record.

Records received at West Point prior to 1 July 1951 can be accepted for use in this edition of the Register.

It will be also greatly appreciated at West Point if you will bring the information in this notice to the attention of any other graduate in your vicinity who may not have had an opportunity to know of it otherwise.

Dept. of Foreign Languages; and Captain J. S. D. Eisenhower, Dept. of English.

The winning articles, and possibly some of the others submitted in the contest will be published in the *POINTER* during the remainder of the present academic year. The continuation of the contest is contemplated as an annual event.

—Lt. Col. Walter J. Renfro, Jr.,

Professor of Foreign Languages, U.S.M.A.

HISTORIC PORTRAIT RECEIVED AT WEST POINT *Swift*

West Point has recently acquired an original oil portrait of Brevet Brigadier General Joseph Gardner Swift, Class of 1802, the first graduate of the United States Military Academy. The painting, by John Wesley Jarvis (1780-1840), a prominent American Portraitist of the time, has been hung in Washington Hall as a part of the collection which includes every Superintendent of the Academy since its founding. General Swift, as Chief Engineer of the Army, was *ex officio* Superintendent of the Military Academy from July 31, 1812 to July 28, 1817, and Inspector of the Military Academy from then until he resigned from the Service in 1818.

The portrait, painted in 1815, shows General Swift at the close of the second war with England, a war in which he had played a notable part, both as a staff officer and as a commander. He is represented as the young, vigorous general of thirty-two, whose intelligence, decision, and energy had contributed so much to our Army's recovery from the disasters of the early months of the war.

The circumstances under which the portrait was painted are of unusual interest, marking as they do Joseph Swift's most

spectacular achievement and a great city's gratitude for his vigorous, enlightened leadership in a time of great peril. Appalled by the vulnerability of the great port to seaborne attack, the National Government had withdrawn Swift from the Northern Army in 1814 to place him in charge of the harbor defenses of New York. Between June and November of that year, Swift, in cooperation with the City's Committee of Safety, had organized and trained an enthusiastic volunteer militia force of 12,000 men, with another 8,000 men as a reserve. Working in reliefs of from 1,200 to 2,000 persons, the volunteers had constructed a series of fortifications which, by the close of the year, could soundly guarantee the security of the Port.

In recognition of General Swift's great services, the City Corporation officially named him a "Benefactor to the City", and commissioned Jarvis to paint his portrait for the City Hall. Among the many costly gifts bestowed on General and Mrs. Swift by the City was a second, smaller portrait by Jarvis, the one which has recently come to West Point. It was painted on a wooden panel, not on canvas.

Until last December this valued heirloom remained in the possession of the Swift family and its descendants. Its last owner was Mr. John B. Patten of Rhinebeck, New York, one of that line. Through the patriotism and generosity of Mr. Christian A. Zabriskie, an old friend and frequent donor of historic and artistic treasures to the Military Academy, this portrait of Joseph Swift now belongs to the institution which he honored so much and which, in return, honors him as a most distinguished son and the first of the long line of its graduates.

In the Military Academy Library is another portrait of General Swift, painted by

Thomas Sully in 1829, eleven years after Swift had resigned his commission in the Army to start an illustrious career as a civil engineer. By that time he had attained greater maturity, become a man of peace, perhaps attained an even higher intellectual level than before. Sully's portrait reveals all this. But in Jarvis' version we see the soldier, man of brain and man of action, triumphant in the critical test of the battlefield.

BOOK REVIEW

WARREN OF WEST POINT. By Colonel R. G. Emery, '30. 202 pp. Philadelphia: Macrae Smith Co. \$2.50.

Reviewed by

W. J. MORTON, '23,
Librarian, U.S.M.A.

This is the story of Larry Warren from Jordan, Nebraska, who comes to West Point with a desire to make the basketball team. He arrives at the Academy with an overgrown feeling of inferiority, based on too rapid growth—he is six feet six at seventeen—poor muscular coordination and a stoop that he has acquired in his effort to get down to an inconspicuous level.

Naturally, he is immediately snapped up by the Department of Physical Education, which tackles the job of straightening his stoop and teaching him where his hands and feet are. His roommates, an Army boy and a Texan, help him overcome his inferiority complex. A tough little egg of a classmate teaches him some of the fine points of basketball and, in return, has his ideals raised several notches and gets over his excessive aggressiveness, which is a cover-up for his sensitivity over his short stature. Warren at last makes the plebe team, and

the inference is clear that he will some day make the A Squad. However, Colonel Emery leaves him at the successful conclusion of his plebe year.

The hero's struggle is confined to his physical handicap and the feeling of inferiority growing out of it. However, this limited situation gives Colonel Emery an opportunity to paint an excellent picture of the present system of physical education, with its program of remedial exercises, gymnastics and intramural contests. There is also a vivid account of Beast Barracks and the stresses encountered by a new plebe.

Since Colonel Emery is a graduate of the Class of 1930 and currently, Assistant Professor of Law, his West Point atmosphere is authentic. His basketball experience makes for convincing detail in that respect. Altogether, his story is well presented and should appeal to the boys from 12 to 16 for whom it was written.



Colonel McRee's Sword Presented to the West Point Museum

The sword of Colonel William McRee, Class of 1805, the ninth graduate of the United States Military Academy and one of the most distinguished officers to serve in the War of 1812, has been given recently to the West Point Museum by Cadet Samuel A. Lutterloh, Class of 1951, a descendant of Colonel McRee.

In the campaign of 1813 McRee served as Chief of Artillery of the Northern Army and in 1814 he held the post of Chief Engineer of the Army on the Niagara Frontier. The brilliant record of his achievements in the war is too long for a full account here. He was awarded the brevet of Lieutenant Col-

onel for gallantry and that of Colonel for distinguished and meritorious service. Major General Jacob Brown selected Colonel McRee and Lt. Colonel E. D. Wood of the Class of 1806 for special mention in dispatches as "Worthy of the highest trust and confidence". Long years afterward, when time had permitted judgment to mature completely, Lieutenant General Winfield Scott wrote of McRee, "He combined more genius and military science with high courage than any other officer who participated in the War of 1812".

William McRee was born in Wilmington, North Carolina, 13 December 1787. His father, Brevet Colonel Griffith John McRee, had served his country during the Revolution in the cavalry of the North Carolina Line. Young William entered West Point 14 April 1803 at the age of 15 and graduated two years later, receiving a commission in the Corps of Engineers. During the next few years he gained extensive experience in planning and constructing seacoast defenses and, by 31 July 1812, had attained the rank of Major.

In 1815, after the close of the War of 1812, Colonel McRee and Brevet Major Sylvanus Thayer were sent to Europe by the President for a two-year period of study. Their mission was to investigate fortifications, organization and tactics of foreign armies, and systems of military education. They were also entrusted with a large sum of money to acquire a professional library for the United States Military Academy. It is interesting to speculate on the part that was probably played by McRee in helping Thayer to crystallize his ideas and formulate the plans which were so soon, under Thayer's superintendency, to raise the little school on the banks of the Hudson to a position of equality with the greatest military colleges in the world.

Upon his return from France McRee join-

ed the Board of Engineers charged with establishing a system of defenses for our Atlantic and Gulf coasts. In that responsible position he served with his usual distinction for two years.

Meanwhile a disturbing influence had entered the Corps of Engineers. Brigadier General Simon Bernard, a French military engineer of fine reputation, had been appointed, through the maneuvers of influential friends, as Chief of the Corps of Engineers. Colonel Joseph G. Swift, Class of 1802, and the first graduate of West Point—then the senior American officer in the Corps and an engineer of prominence, protested in vain against the injustice; and after bearing the humiliation for two years, he resigned in the fall of 1818.

McRee followed his chief into civilian life the following spring. He continued to serve his country in various temporary posts where his abilities as an engineer could be employed to the best advantage. In 1825 he accepted appointment as Surveyor General of the United States for the District of Illinois and Missouri. Upon the death of Major General Jacob Brown, General-in-Chief of the Army, McRee's name was among those prominently mentioned as successor and earnestly considered by the President.

William McRee died in St. Louis in 1833 at the age of 45. That he never reached the heights to which his talents, character and personality apparently predestined him is attributable undoubtedly to his well-known modesty and his loyalty to his friends. If a military crisis had threatened the country between 1819 and 1833, he would certainly have answered the call of service and would have risen to high rank. But he was content, in the ordinary course of events, to lead a useful rather than an eventful life.

His sword has been placed in the West Point Museum among those of other eminent soldiers of the Republic.

JUNE WEEK PROGRAM - 1951

FRIDAY, 1 JUNE

Retreat Review and Presentation of Drill Streamers** 5:30 P.M.
 Motion Picture, *Army Theater* 7:15 P.M. & 9:15 P.M.
 Cadet Hops:
 First Class, *Cullum Hall* 9:00 P.M. to 12:00 P.M.
 Second and Third Classes, *East Gymnasium* 9:00 P.M. to 12:00 P.M.

SATURDAY, 2 JUNE

Review and Presentation of Athletic Awards, *The Plain** 10:30 A.M.
 Baseball—Army vs. Fordham 2:30 P.M.
 Lacrosse—Army vs. Mt. Washington Club 2:30 P.M.
 Tennis—Army vs. Fordham 2:30 P.M.
 Motion Picture, *Army Theater* 7:15 P.M. & 9:15 P.M.
 Cadet Hops:
 First Class, *Cullum Hall* 9:00 P.M. to 12:00 P.M.
 Second and Third Classes, *East Gymnasium* 9:00 P.M. to 12:00 P.M.

(In the event athletic contests scheduled for the P.M. are cancelled, a motion picture will be shown in the Army Theater at 7:30 P.M.)

SUNDAY, 3 JUNE

Religious Services:
 Battle Monument:
 Service for the Second, Third and Fourth Classes* 8:00 A.M.
 Cadet Chapel:
 Baccalaureate Services and Dedication of Memorial Windows:
 First Regiment 9:00 A.M.
 Second Regiment 11:00 A.M.
 Catholic Chapel:
 Military Mass and Baccalaureate Service 8:00 A.M.
 Masses 9:15, 10:15 & 11:15 A.M.
 Old Cadet Chapel:
 Jewish Baccalaureate Service 11:00 A.M.

Superintendent's Reception for Graduating Class and Alumni* 3:00 P.M.
 Retreat Review and Presentation of Military and Academic Awards to First Class, *The Plain** 5:30 P.M.
 Concert, Cadet Glee Club, *Army Theater* 8:15 P.M.

MONDAY, 4 JUNE

Alumni Memorial Services:
 Catholic Chapel, Requiem Mass 8:00 A.M.
 Cadet Chapel 9:00 A.M.
 Organ Recital, *Cadet Chapel* 9:30 A.M. to 10:15 A.M.
 Alumni Exercises, *Thayer Monument* 11:00 A.M.
 Review of the Corps by Alumni, *The Plain*** 11:30 A.M.
 Luncheon and Annual Meeting of Association of Graduates, *Washington Hall* 12:15 P.M.
 Laboratories (Ordnance, Electricity, Mechanics and Chemistry) Open for Inspection 3:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.
 Inspection Trips for Alumni to Camp Buckner 3:00 P.M.
 Concert, USMA Band, *The Plain*** 3:30 P.M.
 Graduation Parade 5:00 P.M.
 Graduation Supper 8:30 P.M.
 Graduation Hop,
 First Class, *Army Theater* 10:00 P.M. to 1:00 A.M.
 Cadet Hop,
 Second and Third Classes, *Cullum Hall* 9:00 P.M. to 1:00 A.M.

TUESDAY, 5 JUNE

Graduation Exercises, *The Field House* 10:00 A.M.

* To be held in the Army Theater in event of inclement weather.
 ** To be cancelled in the event of inclement weather.

149th ANNIVERSARY, U. S. M. A.

Celebrations of West Point's 149th Anniversary by our West Point Societies in the United States, and by many other groups of our alumni at home and abroad, exceeded all previous celebrations of the Academy's birthday—both in the quality of the programs presented and in the numbers of loyal West Pointers attending. Many messages of greeting and felicitation, appropriate to the occasion, were received at West Point from all over the world and exchanged between celebrating groups of those who have worn the Cadet Gray.

Governor Dewey proclaimed Founder's Day, 16 March 1951 as "WEST POINT DAY" in the State of New York. A special radio program, including a message from the Superintendent, participation by the Cadet Choir and the United States Military Academy Band, and messages from outstanding graduates at their posts of duty in the United States, Europe and the Far East, was broadcast over the facilities of the National Broadcasting Company throughout the Nation, and relayed by the Armed Forces Radio Service to U.S. Troops all over the world.

Included in the following NEWS OF WEST POINT SOCIETIES are brief accounts of their observances of the Academy's 149th birthday.

Boston

The West Point Society of Boston was reactivated on March 15, 1951 after a nine year period of inactivity. Sixty-two graduates of the Academy assembled at the Watertown Arsenal Officers' Club to celebrate the one hundred and forty-ninth anniversary of Founder's Day.

Among the gathering were representatives from Classes of 1905 to 1951. After an enjoyable cocktail hour and a delicious dinner, the members proceeded informally with the transaction of business.

The meeting was opened by Everett Brown, August '17, who is a former President of the Boston Society. He explained why activity was discontinued in 1941 due to World War II. Some months ago H. P. Richardson, June '18, said "let's reactivate". The reactivation has now been accomplished through the initiative and energetic action of Richardson and a few helpers. A rising vote of thanks was expressed to the men who had put the organization together again.

A nominating committee, consisting of C. F. Baish, June '18 and C. P. Summerall '24, was appointed by the President in advance of the meeting to present suggested names of new officers. Their proposals were unanimously elected as follows:

President: H. P. Richardson, June '18
Vice Pres., First Boston Corporation

Vice Pres.: J. A. Chambers, '23
Johns-Manville Sales Corporation

Sec'y & Treas.: Col. C. F. Baish, June '18
PMS&T at MIT

Later discussion developed an interest on the part of the members to have additional officers to represent the younger members. This discussion brought about the subse-

quent election of the following additional Vice Presidents:

Honorary Vice Pres.: J. C. Peterson, 1905
(oldest graduate present)

Vice Pres.: John Kemper, 1935

Vice Pres.: J. D. Fitzgerald, 1946

The meeting continued under the direction of the newly elected President—H. P. Richardson, June 1918. He expressed his deep indebtedness to Col. Dietrich, the Post Commander at Watertown Arsenal, for letting the Society come to the Officers' Club for this occasion.

The guest speaker was then introduced. He was 1st Lt. Lawrence Pullano of the 7th Division, who recently returned from Korea and who is now a patient at Murphy Army Hospital. Lt. Pullano gave a very interesting talk about his experiences and his impressions of the war in Korea. He ended his talk by answering many questions from the audience.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M. with everyone expressing their pleasure for such an enjoyable occasion. The newly elected officers will make plans for future activities of the Society.

Chicago

The West Point Society of Chicago held one of its most successful Founders' Day Dinners at the University Club on Saturday, March 17th.

General Wood presided and the principal speaker was Colonel Lawrence E. Schick, Professor of Military Topography and Graphics at West Point.

In addition, a re-broadcast of the "Around the World Greetings" was provided, together with a movie, "Football Highlights of 1950" and the film, "Hail, Alma Mater".

The following officers were elected for the coming year:

President

General R. E. Wood, 1900

Vice Presidents

Brig. Gen. Dabney O. Elliott, 1914

Col. Henry Westphalinger, 1925

Mr. John Farrow, 1923

Sec.-Treas.

Col. James C. Short, 1923

Asst. Sec.-Treas.

J. W. Vincent, 1927

President Emeritus

Col. George Langhorne, 1889

distinguished alumnus is Maj. Gen. Charles S. Farnsworth (1887), ret., former Chief of Infantry, who resides in Altadena. The Society meets the first Thursday noon of every month at the Hershey Arms Hotel, 2600 Wilshire Blvd. for luncheon. Generally there are about twenty-five in attendance. The program for the luncheon usually includes a guest speaker with an interesting subject.

The activities of the Society for the past year are briefly given below, with the names of guest speakers and their subjects indicated. All meetings were at the Hershey Arms Hotel unless otherwise stated.

April, 1950, Luncheon, Col. W. F. Broberg and Dr. Louis G. Dunn, "Electronics"

May, 1950, Luncheon, Sup. Court Justice Thos. J. Cunningham, "Peace Time Defense"

June, 1950, Luncheon, Col. Harry C. Fraser, "Occupation of Japan"

July, 1950, Luncheon, Commander Hayler, USN, "Submarine Warfare"

August, 1950, Luncheon, Brig. Gen. (Rtd) Wm. Foxe (USMC), "Marines in Action"

September, 1950, Luncheon, Brig. Gen. Wm. L. Roberts, USA, "Korea" (with films).

October, 1950, Luncheon, Lt. Col. Thomas L. Fortin, Inf., "The Far East"

November, 1950, Luncheon, Col. Charles C. Cavender, Inf., "China" (with films).

November, 1950, Football Luncheon at U.S. Navy Officers' Club, Terminal Island, Long Beach, California, "Army-Navy Radio Broadcast"

December, 1950, Luncheon, Maj. Gen. Frank Ross, Rt'd, USA, "US Army and Its Problems"

January, 1951, Luncheon, Col. Halsey E. Yates, Rt'd, "Korean Action In Films"

February, 1951, Luncheon, Brig. Gen. (Calif. N.G.) Victor R. Hansen, "California's High School Cadet Corps Program"

March 16, 1951, Dinner, 149th USMA Anniversary, Chapman Park Hotel, Col. Wiley D. Ganey, USAF, "USAF In Far East".

The officers at the present time are:

President—Wm. R. Wilson, Lt. Col. Rt'd 1916.

Vice President—W. G. Bingham, Capt., Rt'd August 1917.

Sec. & Treas.—E. Avery Crary, Col., JAGC Res, Ex 1926.

Monterey Peninsula

The Monterey Peninsula West Point Society held its annual dinner at the Officers Club at Fort Ord on March 17.

In addition to the time honored toasts, silent one was offered "To our comrades in the Korean Theater, and especially to those who there have found a 'soldier's resting place beneath a soldier's blow'."

Los Angeles

The West Point Society of Los Angeles, California, has a membership of over 135 USMA alumni from practically every city in Southern California. The classes represent years from 1887 to 1947. The most

New York

There are currently 550 members of the Society, of whom 8 are life members and 7 are honorary members.

At the January luncheon meeting held in the Hotel Astor, Lieut. David E. Bolte, '49, gave the members a firsthand account of combat conditions in Korea. Additionally, several short war combat pictures were shown.

On February 7th His Excellency, General Carlos P. Romulo, Secretary for Foreign Affairs of the Philippines, made an inspiring address. General Romulo, in recalling his war time service, paid high tribute to several individual West Point graduates and emphasized that the principles inculcated in future Army officers at the Academy are more than ever needed in the conduct of international relations.

No luncheon meeting was held in March. The Society sponsored the Annual West Point Dinner held at the Hotel Astor on the evening of March 15th. The new Superintendent, Maj. Gen. Frederick A. Irving, addressed the Society, as did Colonel Paul D. Harkins, Commandant of Cadets. The principal address was made by Maj. Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, Department of the Army. General Taylor's address was based on his recent experience as Commanding General, Berlin Command. Lieut. General Willis D. Crittenger, Commanding General of the First Army, acted as toastmaster. From the many letters received after the dinner it is judged that the 1951 affair was the most successful in recent years.

At the luncheon meeting at the Hotel Astor on April 4th, Col. John K. Waters, Assistant Commandant of Cadets, outlined the curriculum and the tactical instruction at the Academy, and Mr. Abel Hansen, Assistant to the President of Teachers College, Columbia University, gave a civilian educator's impressions of the methods and efficacy of the academic course. The fathers of plebes at West Point, who live in the New York metropolitan area and who were present at this meeting as guests of the Society—as well as the membership—received the remarks with great interest. It is planned to have a similar meeting next Fall.

It is contemplated that in May the luncheon meeting will be held at the Officers' Mess at Governors Island. With this meeting the luncheon gatherings will be discontinued until September.

It is also planned that the Board of Governors of the Society will meet at West Point some time early in May.

Philadelphia

We welcomed to our January meeting Lt. Col. Russell K. Alspach, Professor of English at the Academy, who gave us a most instructive talk about the Department of English as it is constituted today.

The Dining Committee has instituted a new program for the coming year, in having luncheons and dinners alternate monthly. The former will be merely social gatherings, reserving for the dinner meetings, formal reports, speakers and other activities.

Our members were deeply grieved by the untimely death in Korea of young Thos.

Patrick Greene, USMA, '50, son of Maj. Gen. Douglass T. Greene, '13, a former President of our Society.

The Anniversary Dinner, held on March 17 at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel, was the best in our history. A total of 93 attended. Col. Beukema, '15, Professor of Social Sciences at the Academy held us spell-bound by his forceful exposition of the West Point of today; other speakers were Congressman Augustine B. Kelley, ex-'08, Hempstead, '29, and Rear Admiral John R. Sullivan, President of the local Naval Academy alumni. Len Orman, '40, provided a rollicking skit, acted by himself, Bates, '40 and Batson, '45.

Our President, Norman D. Cota, '17 after a year in office was succeeded in the post by Norman Randolph, '15. Other officers for the ensuing year are Herbert M. Cady, '36, Treasurer; Samuel Edelman, ex-'10, Secretary; and Hobart A. Murphy, '24, Assistant Secretary.

Our Society is not only entering the Sesquicentennial year of the Academy but also the 25th year of its own organization. Our president has plans for a very active year, to include implementation of the long and short range programs of the National Public Relations Committee of West Point Societies.

Western New York

Our first observance of Founder's Day was held on March 17th in the Buffalo Athletic Club with activities beginning at noon. A civic luncheon was attended by representatives of the press, radio, political, educational, athletic, patriotic and civic elements of the city. The meeting was presided over by Walter B. Robb, '10, who introduced the guests. A big hand was given to our cadet guests, who included Al Pollard and Ben Brian. Captain Joseph F. H. Cutrona, '44, a Buffalo native, represented the Public Information Office at West Point.

After luncheon Captain Cutrona was master of ceremonies at a meeting attended by high school students representing the area, and designed for them. Films of the high lights of the 1950 football season were shown. Cutrona explained the curriculum and aims of the Academy. The versatile Al Pollard told the boys about a kaydet's day.

The banquet was held in the evening. The new Board of Governors was unanimously elected. It consists of Col. Stuart G. McLennan, '28, Lt. Col. Matt Legler, '39, and the officers: Walter Robb, '10, President; Bill Rochester, ex-'28, Vice President; and Lou Byrne, '14, Secretary and Treasurer.

And at Fort Belvoir, Virginia a West Point Founder's Day banquet was held at the Engineer Center on March 16 to commemorate the 149th Anniversary of the founding of the Academy. The program included short talks by Brigadier General C. H. Chorpening, Nov. '18, senior member present, and 2d Lt. John Rutledge, '50, junior member present. The talks were followed by a movie furnished by the AAA showing the highlights of the 1950 Army football season. The toastmaster was Lt. Col. S. G. Spring, '35. A choral group organized by Lt. Col. C. J. Jeffus, '35, led those gathered at the banquet in songs of West Point. There were 120 graduates and ex-cadets present.



Bryant Edward Moore

John Will Coffey

The entire garrison at West Point mourns the passing of Major General Bryant Edward Moore and Brigadier General John Will Coffey, both of the Class of August, 1917.

As Superintendent, General Moore performed his duties in accordance with the high ideals and honored traditions established by his illustrious predecessors and, like them, left his own indelible imprint upon the history of the Academy.

General Coffey, as Professor of Ordnance, will long be remembered for his effective administration of that Department and for his keen interest and participation in many of the activities of the garrison.

The earthly remains of General Moore and General Coffey have now been laid to rest in the beautiful Post Cemetery. But in the greater reality, these stalwart sons of our Alma Mater have at last only taken their final, inevitable places in the Long Gray Line which "stretches through the years of a century told". Their great contributions to the eternal Spirit of West Point will forever remind us so to live, serve and die that we may be worthy to follow where they have pointed the way.

DOWN THE FIELD

By Joe Cahill

Gymnastics and track, practically perennial pacers of their respective leagues in recent years, once again shared the winter sport spotlight of an otherwise lack-lustre season.

The gymnasts proved their class beyond debate when they tumbled and flipped their way through seven meets without a setback. The conclusive walloping of Navy, 52 to 44, in the climactic test, was the high point of the season.

Though perfect seasons are always at a premium, Tom Maloney has been able to stake such a claim on eight occasions since joining the staff here twenty years ago. Off to a good start, none of his first four teams experienced defeat and he now has a skein of sixteen meets without defeat over the past three seasons.

Dividing its strength evenly between track and field, Army was once again the class of the Heptagonal indoor meet. The Cadets compiled a total of 52-1/3 points in capturing the title for the third time in ten years of indoor competition.

Gene Gribble won the broad jump title; Sam Lutterloh the 35 pound weight, and Dick Shea the two mile. In addition the Cadets captured both the mile and two mile

relays. Shea's performances over the past year, both indoor and outdoor, and in cross country, have marked the gritty Second Classman as one of the top distance runners in the country.

A recap of Shea's record is enough to tab him as the finest distance star in the entire history of the sport here. Last fall he won both the IC4A and Heptagonal cross-country diadems for the second successive year. During the past indoor campaign he ran the fastest mile (4:13.7) ever recorded at West Point. He then went on to win the IC4A and Heptagonal two mile championships. His 9:12 clocking in the intercollegiate double mile rated among the very best performances of the 1951 campaign. As proof of his versatility, Shea dropped down to the half mile distance to anchor the two mile relay team to a thrilling triumph in the Heptagonals. Taking the baton a heart breaking thirty yards back, he not only came abreast of the pace maker, but also went on to win the race with a good ten yards to spare. It does not take too much imagination to predict that Shea will soon be challenging the Wilts and Gehrmanns of tomorrow.

The remainder of the winter season left much to be desired. The basketball quintet stumbled along in much the same un-

impressive fashion as in the past three seasons, winning 9 and losing 8. Likewise, the hockey team was faced with the unbeatable combination of facing decidedly superior opposition with an inferior group of skaters. The puck-chasers wound up a weary season with two victories and a tie in thirteen starts. However, there was much to cheer about in the climactic game of the season. The Cadets rose to the occasion with an inspiring 4 to 2 win over the Royal Military College of Canada in the 21st game of the colorful international rivalry. Led by Bob Blaik, who personally accounted for two goals, the Cadets gave every indication of an improved brand of hockey for local enthusiasts in '52.

Jim McInerney maintained Army's hold on the 175 pound Eastern Intercollegiate Boxing title. Effectively utilizing his long reach, he boxed his way to four clean-cut decisions in the tournament, to keep the crown at the Military Academy. It will be recalled that Pete Monfore, '50, was light heavyweight champion in 1949 and 1950.

Al Paulekas and Bob Karns were not as fortunate in the Eastern Intercollegiate wrestling tournament. Paulekas, a light heavy, and Karns, a 123 pounder, managed to prove their superiority in eight dual meets, but failed to keep command under



ARMY GYMNASTICS SQUAD - 1951
(EASTERN INTERCOLLEGIATE CHAMPIONS)

First Row (left to right): Florencio Magsino, James Beasley, Murton Guild, Thomas Maloney (Coach), Thomas Horgan (Captain), George Gividen, Robert Wheeler, Charles Pursley.

Second Row: Major W. D. Tatsch (Ass't Officer Representative), George Haas, James Sibley, Edward Jelen, Jack Kleberg, Richard Lawrence, Jerry Nicks, James Bremer, Walter Parks, Lieutenant Colonel J. A. Kerig, Jr., (Officer Representative).

Third Row: Ed Davis (Assistant Manager), Arthur Webster, Neal Creighton, Ward Keiler, John Claybrook, William Colvin, William Renner, Milton Sullivan, Philip Hamilton (Manager).

pressure of the championships. Since both are Yearlings, the Army wrestling picture has taken on a brighter hue than at any time in the last five years.

Like the let up pitch in baseball, the next few paragraphs are passed along as a change of pace. The vernal season is here and with it our thoughts turn lightly to baseball, track, lacrosse, tennis and golf. Football, too, is going through the paces, though little attention is paid the pigskin parade in the spring.

It is a mite too soon to determine the strength and weakness of the various squads without trying to be a prognosticator. Therefore, we shall give you the facts and let you make your own predictions: *Baseball*: Must develop front line replacements for Jim Irons, catcher; Arnold Galiffa, 1st base; Tom Lobe, 3rd base; and Jim Stuff, centerfield. Principal hold-overs include Captain Ted Griesinger, pitcher; Vince Bailey, infield; and Frank Winfield, Tom Fitzpatrick and Vic Pollock, outfield. *Track*: Virtually same team that won the Heptagonal indoor

championship. Most prominent personnel were discussed previously in this article. *Lacrosse*: A goalie and three sound defense-men badly needed. A strong nucleus of attackmen are back including Captain Ed Meyer and Ralph Cline at midfield and Eddie Markham, Al Lorenzen and Joe Austin on the attack. *Tennis*: Four of last year's top nine players are back including Norman Dunlap, Bob King, and Captain Bill Richardson. *Golf*: For first time in history, Army has access to the new ten hole course for a full season of competition. Four of last year's squad are back, namely; Ernest Rose, Frank Allen, Dan Knight and Jim Walter. Nothing exciting in the newcomers. *Football*: Generally speaking the game is on the decline, at least until the influx of material picks up. Few, if any, linemen were realized from last year's Plebe squad, a fact which is causing much concern in football headquarters. In an effort to make up for this deficiency of talent Earl Blaik is working furiously on the development of substitute linemen. He is faced with a similar task to that of 1950, the necessity of taking men from one position and converting them into another. Most not-

able changes thus far in the off-season workouts are Hal Loehlein, captain-elect—who was a defensive left end and is now in the process of learning the tactics of an offensive right guard—and Jack Roberts—starting offensive guard who has been shifted to offensive end. Though the principal problem is with the offensive line, graduation will take a heavy toll of good backs, namely: Jack Martin, Frank Fischl, Gil Stephenson, Hal Shultz, and Jim Cain—who has another year to go before being commissioned, but who has used up his eligibility.

PLAIN TALK: — Several staff changes have been noted recently in the Athletic Association. Colonel Ockie Krueger, GMA, transfers in June. . . Carleton Crowell, former Tennessee track coach, replaced Jess Mortensen, now doing business at Southern California. . . John Mauer, basketball coach here since 1947, moved to the University of Florida to double in brass as court coach and assistant to Bob Woodruff in football. . . The all-Army Coaches' Conference will be staged here in May for the third straight year. . . Bill Doerr, yearling centerfielder, is a nephew of the great Red Sox player.

U. S. M. A. SPRING SPORTS 1951

(With scores to include 18 April)
(All contests at West Point unless otherwise indicated)

BASEBALL

Date	Army Score	Opponent and Score
MARCH 31	8	Wesleyan 0
APRIL 4	0	Lafayette 3
7	12	Connecticut 11
9	5*	Manhattan 5*
11	0	Hofstra 11
13	2	Ithaca 4
14	2	Trinity 3
16	**	New York Giants **
18	3	City College of New York 1
21		Columbia 1
23		Villanova 1
25		Princeton 1
28		Dartmouth 1
30		New York University 1
MAY 4		Brown—At Providence 1
5		Harvard—At Cambridge 1
9		Yale 1
12		Pennsylvania—At Philadelphia 1
14		Rutgers 1
16		Colgate 1
19		Cornell—At Ithaca 1
22		Williams 1
26		Navy 1
JUNE 2		Fordham 1

*Called after 7 innings, because of darkness.
**Canceled because of rain.

GOLF

Date	Army Score	Opponent and Score
APRIL 14	5	Swarthmore 2
21		Princeton 2
28		Yale—At New Haven 2
MAY 2		Fordham 1
5		Columbia 1
9		Colgate 1
12, 13 & 14		Eastern Intercollegiates 1
19		Cornell—At Ithaca 1
26		Navy 1

LACROSSE

Date	Army Score	Opponent and Score
MARCH 31	25	Williams 3
APRIL 14	20	Cornell—At Ithaca 1
21		Yale 1
28		Johns Hopkins—At Baltimore 1

MAY 5		Maryland 1
9		Syracuse 1
12		Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute 1
19		Princeton 1
26		Navy—At Annapolis 1
JUNE 2		Mt. Washington Club 1

TENNIS

Date	Army Score	Opponent and Score
APRIL 14	7	Swarthmore 2
18	7	Temple 2
21		Colgate 2
25		Princeton 2
28		Pennsylvania 2
30		New York University 2
MAY 2		Yale 2
5		Columbia 2
11		Dartmouth—At Hanover 2
12		Harvard—At Cambridge 2
16		Williams 2
19		Cornell—At Ithaca 2
26		Navy—At Annapolis 2
JUNE 2		Fordham 2

TRACK

Date	Army Score	Opponent and Score
APRIL 27 & 28		Penn Relays—At Philadelphia 1
MAY 5		Triangular— Columbia, N.Y.U., Army 1
9		Manhattan College 1
19		Heptagonal—At Providence 1
26		Navy 1

ARMY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE—1951

Date	Army Score	Opponent and Score
SEPTEMBER 29		Villanova—At West Point 1
OCTOBER 6		Northwestern—At Evanston 1
13		Dartmouth—At West Point 1
20		Harvard—At Cambridge 1
27		Columbia—At West Point 1
NOVEMBER 3		Southern California—At Yankee Stadium, New York 1
10		The Citadel—At West Point 1
17		Pennsylvania—At Franklin Field, Philadelphia 1
DECEMBER 1		Navy—At Municipal Stadium, Philadelphia 1

(Note: The game previously scheduled with Ohio Wesleyan for September 22 has been canceled.)



New Members

We welcome to our membership 16 graduates and ex-cadets who have recently joined the Association. The total number of members is now 11,356.

MORE THAN 90% OF OUR LIVING GRADUATES ARE MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Graduates and former cadets who have not yet joined the Association are cordially invited to write to the Secretary at West Point for an application for membership.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE JUNE 15, 1951

1881

Mrs. Josephine Fish Peabody, Williston Fish's daughter, has started a round-up of descendants of members of the Class of 1881 to foregather at the Point on Alumni Day, 4th June, to celebrate the seventieth anniversary of the graduation of the Class.

She is a lady who, when she starts things, is able to put them through, so we are hoping that her efforts will result in a goodly assemblage.

At last accounts, the three surviving members of the Class, Millis, Bennett and Hodges, H. C., are in reasonable health and spirits.

—H. C. H., Jr.

1886

The surviving members of the Class of '86 hope to foregather at West Point in sufficient numbers to celebrate the 65th anniversary of their graduation. The five survivors out of the 77 who graduated are Newcomer, Traub, Harris, Mott and Andrews.

Besides several informal Class gatherings, including a large one in Chicago during the World's Fair in 1893, the Class has held a reunion and dinner at West Point on every fifth anniversary since 1896, when our dinner was held in the Officers' Mess, then at the south end of the Cadet Mess, later known as Grant Hall, and long ago replaced by a modern building. Predictions about our attendance are uncertain, but this reunion, when and if held, will be our 12th regular reunion at West Point since graduation.

—A. D. A.

1893

Since I last reported the Class has suffered great loss in the deaths of Brigadier General Lincoln C. Andrews, Colonel Edward J. Timberlake, and the Class President, Brigadier General Charles W. Kutz.

Colonels H. H. Pattison, and O. R. Wolfe have been seriously ill for several months.

L. F. K.

1895

Cavanaugh made a short trip north from Winter Park, Florida, a month or two ago; attending the funeral of a niece, Marie La Tourrette Cook, who died in Washington, March 4, and all of his time was pretty well occupied. He said Miles was then still wintering in neighboring Orlando.

Again we bow in reverence and sorrow over the loss of a classmate; Schulz, whose name leads the graduating roster of the Class. He died at his home, 204 El Camino Real, Berkeley 5, California, on March 3. His brother John, '08, retired and in Washington, reported the death promptly, and upon his return from the funeral—burial in the National Cemetery, Presidio of San Francisco—brought the family's most gracious thanks for the Class flowers, with every assurance of appreciation.

A welcome letter, February 19, from Charles, out in Seattle; and one from Bash, March 6, who had been confined to his bed, inclosing most useful news clippings about Schulz's death, and adding a heartfelt tribute to "a wonderful character"

—F. B. W.

1899

Our turbulent and news-worthy classmate, George VanHorn Moseley, is again drawing the fire of those who disagree with his choice of schools and colleges in disbursements from a very considerable southern educational foundation, of which he is the Executive. As could be expected, George pursues the even tenor of his way entirely undaunted by the fire and suits himself and his Directors! Jesse W. Johnson, ex-'99, writes from Nevada, Iowa, that he is going through the throes of having a daughter who is a "drum-majorette" of the High School band, and a son in the California National Guard.—George and Mrs. Bunnell have been in town recently on the way from Florida to their farm near Rockland, Mass.—Except for being a little heavier and slightly gray, George has changed but little.—Kromer came down early in the year from Northfield, Vt. for treatment at Walter Reed and then went on to St. Petersburg, Florida, to fish off

the pier with Charles Brooks Clark.—The H. B. Clarks are in Honolulu visiting with H. B., Jr. and family.—Herron's daughter and son-in-law, Lt. Col. R. W. Ripple, are stationed in Straubing, Germany, with the Tanks. Sammy and Mrs. Ansell were, as usual, at home on New Year's Day in celebration of his birthday.

—C. D. H.

1901

The Round Table, on February 21st last, had the great pleasure of a combined 1901-1911 luncheon at The Army and Navy Club, Washington, D. C. We were very highly complimented for the idea was the suggestion of 1911. Philip Fleming, Karl Bradford, Wilfrid Blunt, Howell Estes and James S. Mooney were present. 1901 felt ten years younger because of the congenial time we had.

The cold blasts of winter sent our most tender members to Florida: Bettison and Dent for a protracted stay, and Smith, W. D. and Browne for a short sojourn. Willing is probably visiting his relatives in Mississippi—we cannot keep track of him. Fox Conner, an adopted member of the Table, went to Tucson, Arizona for a month or so. Therefore, our regulars had been somewhat reduced, but the hardy ones were well repaid for their loyalty to the Class by the visit of Shaggy Sherrill, the optimist. You all know an optimist is good for the soul, especially in these uncertain days.

The members of the Class of 1901 regret the passing of P. Bass Zane and send our deepest sympathy to the bereaved family. Zane died at his ranch in Carmel Valley, California, January 22, 1951.

We hope you will be present for our 50th Reunion at West Point for we know you will carry something home with you that will be a great pleasure to recall.

—R. M. B., Jr.

1902

The following notes were taken from the Class Letter dated January 1951, which covered the past year:

Abbott assures us from his ranch at Rand-

lett, Utah, that all is well in that wild Indian country and that all of his bins are full of supplies.

Albert says he has just retired from business at 70. He and his wife had a fine trip to California recently where they saw Han- num and his wife and also Dockery and Zane.

Amerine expresses great affection for 1902 and tells us that though he retired from the railroad service in Montgomery, Ala., 2½ years ago at the age of 70, he is now selling manufactured specialties to keep himself out of trouble.

Frankie Bell is still keeping the readers of the *Military Engineer* correctly informed about foreign affairs, and contributed his usual annual report to *Collier's Yearbook on Military Affairs and Forces*. He gives us an interesting account of Mrs. Bell's extended tour of Europe last year and tells of seeing Longley and his wife in Washington in November.

Sep. Black, reporting from his home in Searsport, Maine, informs us of delightful visits he and his wife had received during the year from G. H. and Elizabeth Stewart, Bill and Winifred Cowles and Frank and Dollie Longley.

Hiram Cooper announces from Birmingham, Ala., the arrival of his eighth grandchild and wonders if that is a class record. He adds that life is treating him very kindly.

The Bill Cowles visited California and Mexico during 1950 and by chance in the latter place met Johnnie Pegram and Gwen who were wintering in Mexico.

Sep. Dockery says that he and P. Bass Zane represented 1902 at the last West Point dinner at Fort Ord, California.

Sep. Edwards and his wife had a nice motor trip from Washington, D. C. to Evanston, Illinois, to spend the holidays with their son and daughter-in-law and the two grandchildren.

Pat Foley made his usual bird-hunting trip to Alberta, Canada, from his home in Tacoma, Wash. He also shot duck in Washington, pheasant in Nebraska and quail in Missouri. He says he also does a little fishing on the side. He reports a delightful stop with the Griffiths in Louisville.

Frankenberger writes that his health remains good in San Diego, Calif., but that his life has been quite hum-drum.

Franklin salutes the class from Morristown, Tenn., and assures us of his good health and of his continued interest in farming.

The Griffiths traveled all over the United States during 1950 and saw many classmates and friends. He reports a very enjoyable class luncheon at the A. and N. Club in Washington City with Bell, Cowles, Edwards, Herr, Wilson, Valliant and Preston.

Johnnie Herr and Helen had a nice visit to Maine last summer, stopping by Doylestown, Pa., to chat with its leading citizen, one William Alexander McCain.

Hutzler says that he has just retired from Hutzler Brothers Co. in Baltimore at the age of 70 and promises to meet us at the Point in 1952.

Jennings continues to spend his time between Miami Beach and Roaring Gap, N. C., with a month last summer in the White Mountains of New Hampshire. He says that he has resigned from all golf activity and golf clubs at Miami Beach but still shoots a few holes at Roaring Gap with the assistance of a specially designed motorette.

Billy McCain reports his daughter Elizabeth, Bill Jr., and the Ole Man doing well, though he is still troubled with his eyesight and arthritis.

The Troup Millers had a grand trip to New York and Washington in the Fall, being entertained in Washington by the Herts and Lucy Foster. They also saw Mrs. W. A. Mitchell in Alexandria. Troup has been deploring the loss of his fine Atlanta garden sustained in the big November freeze.

"Katie" Morrison writes that he is leading a very lazy, quiet life at his home in Riverside, Ill. He says he sees no classmates since Bowlby died.

"Fat" Rodney shocked the class when he announced that he was about to take off for Arlington. We were relieved when we realized that he meant the community of Arlington, Va., where his children live. He is still connected with Michigan State College in the capacity of advising and handling all questions concerning the draft and military status of all students and faculty members.

"Razzle Dazzle" Rozelle still contends that Boerne, Texas, is the only place to live.

Smith, T. B. F. at Carbondale, Ill., reports that he is in pretty good health and spirits considering his very troublesome arthritis.

"Fatty" Terrell says they now live near Mrs. Linton and her daughter, Mary Brooks, at Los Altos, Calif., and enjoy them so much. They made several efforts to do some traveling last year but each time sickness or an accident spoiled their plans.

Valliant had a severe case of shingles at his home in Vienna, Va., during the past year but the doctors at Fort Belvoir soon straightened him out with one of the new wonder drugs.

Walter Wilson is still performing the duties of Executive Director of the Army Emergency Relief in Washington with great credit to himself. He is now on a three months leave at Fort Lauderdale, Fla., where he hopes any classmates coming that way will look him up.

The Longleys are wintering in Florida again in 1950-1951. He reports a fine visit to New England last summer and a couple of weeks in Washington City with a much enjoyed round of visits with classmates and their wives. He says he is still trying to shuffle off his business responsibilities but finds that it is not as easy to drop them as abruptly and completely as Uncle Sam compels us to do. He begs us all to commence planning for a big turnout of the Centennial Class at West Point in June 1952.

Mahaffey, our beloved Class President, has been having a tough time with his health for several years past at his home in St. Louis. Frankie Bell recently had a note from Katharine Mahaffey Walsh, his daughter, saying the doctors had finally found a new medicine which seems to be doing him good at last.

"Runt" Hannum reports the arrival of Warren T. III which pleased him greatly. He informs us that with the reelection of Governor Warren in California he finds that he is expected to continue to serve the state as Director of Natural Resources with the additional duty as Chairman of the State Water Pollution Control Board.

Johnnie Pegram and Gwen have been spending some time in Mexico again where he reports the country interesting, scenery wonderful and winter climate splendid. He says they expect to return to San Antonio in the Spring and, if things are quiet in the U.S., will stay there until next Fall.

Zane—Good old P. Bass Zane passed on to his fathers on January 22, 1951 at his ranch in Carmel Valley, California, and was buried in the Presidio at Monterey. Distinguished in battle, and the finest sort of good fellow and loyal friend, he will be greatly missed by us all.

1903

It is a sad beginning to be obliged to report in this column the death of two outstanding men of the Class. It appears inappropriate to attempt here to do more than record these two sad events.

Beatty Moore had been reported ill for some months. The end came peacefully at

his home in Arkansas. The services were held on January 27th at Christ Church, Urbana, Middlesex County, Virginia. This Church, it is understood, is one in which Beatty had taken a particular interest over the years. There was little time to contact the Class but all of those near Virginia were notified as well as those in Washington and New York. Fred Smith alone expected to attend the service but when the day came a severe sleet storm precluded driving. Flowers from the Class were sent and Mrs. Moore's letter of appreciation for our doing this has been received.

Sep Severson died on February 19th in Los Angeles. John Upham reports that Sep's death was entirely unexpected. He was in the hospital only a day or two. He was buried in the Veterans Administration Cemetery a few blocks from his West Los Angeles home. Boughton wired that illness prevented his attendance at the services but Johnnie Upham and Chick Leeds represented the Class. Upham personally selected the wreath with "From the Class of 1903" marked upon it.

Puss Farnum was recently heard from while on his annual pilgrimage from Maine south. This report came from him while he was in New York, his next stop-over was to be Washington.

Sep Winfree writes that he had seen in the Miami papers a report of the death of Bishop Stires. Sep reports, "This clergyman delivered our graduation sermon on June 1st, following which we donned our new civilian clothes (complete with straw sailor hats) and embarked on the 'Mary Powell'. The Reverend Stires went on the boat with us" I will guarantee that no other member of the Class can recall the name of the man who delivered that sermon or perhaps even recall the fact that there was a sermon.

We have a report from Jirah Downs. He has retired from the Medical Corps, still remaining the only man in 1903 who belongs to the medical profession. He built a house near the Pacific in Huntington Palisades and there occasionally practices his profession.

1904

Another loss to the class occurred in 1950, of which we have learned just recently. Harris, W. W., who retired long ago in 1922, died on July 4, 1950, in Tryon, N. C., where he had been making his home with his sister, Mrs. E. H. Jervey.

And now in 1951, on January 24th, we lost Joe Grace through a heart attack in New York City, where he had been living since his retirement. Burial was at Arlington National Cemetery.

Fenton reports that he and Marguerite recently returned home after a most interesting visit of a month in Mexico City with their daughter, Katherine, and family, where her husband, Lt. Col. A. A. Greene, '31, is Assistant Army Attache.

A note from Richardson, R. C., from his home in Bath, New Hampshire, indicates that even a South Carolinian can survive a Yankee winter! He says that the winter has passed remarkably fast and that it has been only moderately cold.

On the first Thursday of February at the monthly luncheon of classmates of Washington, D. C., and vicinity, the usual attendants were surprised and delighted to have with them Fite, who resigned from the Academy in 1902, and thereafter spent many years in the Supply Corps of the Navy, from which he has now retired as a rear admiral. Fite lives in Cartersville, Georgia, and came north for a routine check-up at the Naval Medical Center at Bethesda.

—W. B.

1905

LeRoy Bartlett passed away January 7, 1951 at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois, where he and his wife were visiting his son LeRoy Jr., '30 USMA. Four days later interment was in the Golden Gate Cemetery, San Bruno, California. His widow resides in their lovely home, 924 Arlington Avenue, Berkeley, California. One by one our ranks are being thinned.

The congratulations of the class go to Charlie Daly for the Distinguished Service Cross awarded to his son, Lt. Col. John H. Daly, '36, for extraordinary heroism in Korea. He was badly wounded but expects to return to active duty after his hospitalization. He also received the Purple Heart.

Weeks, who is Civil Defense Administrator for Somerset County, New Jersey, recently made a trip to Florida. Ramsey is Assistant Deputy Director of Civil Defense, Northern District, for the five northwestern counties in New Jersey.

—Norman F. Ramsey.

1906

June, the jubilant and joyous time of reunion, is just around the corner. Operation Crimson is functioning properly. Commander Red Hoyle and Veep Jim Riley have scouted the terrain, checked the battle plan, verified the supporting units, and announced "R" Day, June 2, 1951. Mick Daley is riding the roster of attendance. Charlie Rockwell has the Class Tree ceremony in hand. Frederick Mayer will be at the organ for the chapel memorial. The Spauldings are awaiting news of your family guests for the buffet supper. Hub Stanton will have room for them all in his Cornwall School.

The Washington Chapter had its unification lunch with 1906 Navy last Fall, Ghormley and Gillespie playing over the Princeton game of 1905. Earl McFarland was initiated at Walter Reed in January. He is O.K. now but we wonder how he escaped so long.

Tige Huntley reports his money already invested in Operation Crimson and expects to get his money's worth in June. Marjorie and Plupy Shute are to be at the Spauldings a week early to prepare for the arrival of the rest of us.

Koehler Daley is in Paris on Eisenhower's staff. Betty and daughter will join him in May. He is our class boy.

Bob White had his 45th anniversary with MOPAC last year and will be at our 45th at West Point in June. The MOPAC Magazine carries a couple of pages of laudatory tales about his rise in the organization and his success as its chief operating officer over many years. He retired in March after he passed his 70th birthday.

Bill Akin is currently touring the East looking for a home away from the big cities. We expect him at the Reunion with a report on his search. His boy is with the Army in Korea, doing well at last report.

With deep sorrow we report the death of 1st Lieut. John N. Merrill, Jr. in Korea, from wounds received in battle. For leading his platoon two miles into enemy territory against heavy odds, he was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry. The whole class shares the grief of his proud but sorrowing parents. John raised him in the traditions of West Point and he died bravely and gloriously upholding them.

John and Mrs. Merrill have announced the marriage of their daughter, Miriam Isabelle, to Calvin Parker, at Burbank, California, on January 19.

George Morrow says he is glad to be in his boat fishing instead of being on the shore crabbing about renegotiation of the big munition contracts currently being awarded.

Well, the ducks from the Bay, the horses and dogs from the tracks, and the tourists from the hotels, all have left for their northern summer haunts, leaving the streets quieter, the papayas cheaper, and the pelicans in charge of the water front. I'll be off soon and will be waiting at the sallyport. Don't fail me.

—Charles G. Mettler.

1907

A daughter was born to Ruth Alexander and Bradish J. Smith, Class of 1941, in January, in Washington, D. C. and Roger and Ruth Alexander are now proud and happy grandparents in their own right.

The Piersons again spent the winter in Orlando, Florida. En route they tried to locate Bob Arthur in New Orleans and Andy Lang in Pass Christian, Mississippi, but found neither at home. At last report the Langs were still in Washington and were hunting for an apartment. Bob Arthur wrote from Tuscaloosa, Alabama, that they had been absent from New Orleans for about six months but were gradually working their way back. Their Army son is now in Tehran, Iran.

Bill Ganoë's book "My Heart Remembers" went into its second printing only nine weeks after publication. Bill has offered to personally inscribe a fly leaf which may be inserted in the book for any classmate who desires to have one. We found Bill's book most delightful and inspiring and enthusiastically recommend it to every member of the Class.

As mentioned in Skinny MacLachlan's account of the Army-Stanford game in the last issue of *Assembly*, Chief Rice appears to have married again. We extend a hearty welcome to the bride and hope that Chief will tell us something about her.

Paul Larned, without whose conscientious assistance our Class notes would be practically nil, sent us the following chit-chat about the Washington group:

Class luncheons were resumed in January but bad weather and icy streets kept the attendance down during the first two months. Paul was laid up for a couple of weeks with an annoying infection, but is back to normal again. He and Cecilia spent the Christmas holidays with their daughter on Long Island. Mrs. Clyde Eastman was laid up for a while as a result of a bad fall but was recovering satisfactorily. Injun Hayden was at Walter Reed for treatment, and Bob Glassburn had come up from his place in Virginia for a check-up. Bob is busily engaged in converting his estate into a well stocked game preserve. The Bruce Clarks recently gave a large cocktail party to which a number of the Class were invited. Rick and Audrey Morrison arrived in Washington shortly after Christmas and have been staying at the Wardman Park, where they will probably remain until it is time to go back to New England.

The Warren Lotts expected to drive down to Florida during the winter and planned to stay with the Ganoës. We also, at this writing, are about to shove off for Florida to visit our daughter in St. Petersburg, and hope to see the Shedd's in Bradenton and the Ganoës in Sarasota, if the ferry is still running across Tampa Bay.

We recently learned that the Pot Shedd's younger son, George, had been taken prisoner by the Reds in Korea. The whole Class extends deepest sympathy with the sincere hope that in due course of time George will be returned unharmed and none the worse for his experience.

The casualties in Korea reported from the most recent classes are appalling and

members of the Long Gray Line can look back and be assured that the best traditions of West Point are being carried on by these youngsters.

—H. W. W.

1908

The annual class dinner on February 10th was a big event and a good time was had by all. The presence of out-of-town members added greatly to the party. These were: Ayres, Ellis, Hayes, Jackson, Kennedy and Terry. Others present were: Burns, Chaney, Drennan, Edgerton, Fletcher, Garrison, Hall, Hobbey, Hughes, Jarman, Kelley, O'Brien, Peterson, Schulz and Sturdevant. Chaney was chosen President and Lacey Hall Vice-President to look after the Class interests this year.

Jimmy James, author of a booklet of poems entitled "We Travel Along", was chosen Poet Laureate and Class Historian for an indefinite period. Jimmy is preparing an autobiography in which he plans to devote several chapters to 1908.

The plaque in honor of Buckner was dedicated at Frankfort, Ky. on February 21, 1951, with appropriate ceremonies arranged by T. J. Johnson. It is installed in the rotunda of the State Capitol. Governor Wetherby of Kentucky delivered the dedicatory tribute. Mrs. Buckner and her daughter, Mary, were present, the former responding briefly to the Governor's remarks. In addition to State and Military authorities, townspeople, and former associates of Buckner of the Tenth Army who were present, T. J. Johnson, Hester and Paulsen were there to represent 1908. This fine plaque is the gift of the Class of 1908 and the Staff of the Tenth Army.

The Averys are back in Carmel after a fine trip through Germany, France, Italy, Egypt, the Holy Land, Turkey and Greece. The Currys have been on a month's trip to Mexico City and other points of interest in that part of the country. Loustalot is in Cuba for a few weeks. Pendleton is on a trip through Central and South America. The Goethals visited Santa Fe and vicinity in March. T. J. Johnson spent a week at Christmas with his son-in-law and daughter, Col. and Mrs. John R. Parker, C.E., of '35, and their daughters, 9 and 7, at Fort Belvoir. John Kennedy is now living in Columbia, S. C. The Hesters are in Atlanta after selling their home in Bradenton, Florida. Lacey Hall has had his first grandchild, Louise Lacey Chaffee, the daughter of his daughter, Marion, who is now Mrs. John B. Chaffee of Rumford, Rhode Island. His other daughter, Lacey, is Registrar of the Manhattan School of Music, New York City. On a visit to Canada in the summer, the Barkers had a wonderful leisurely motorboat trip through those beautiful channels and inlets along the coast of British Columbia. We are happy to report that the Fletchers' son-in-law, Captain Patch, is getting along very well after being wounded in Korea. Edgerton was recently elected president of the Alfalfa Club. His son, Bruce, Class of 1941, now a civilian, lives in Honolulu. His daughter, Mrs. James M. Rothchild and husband live in Ithaca, N. Y. They have a son, John Edgerton, 4 years, and a daughter, Margaret, 1 year. Burns, on duty in the Department of National Defense, has been designated as Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs. The Rickers are now established at Milford, Me. Jimmy Cunningham is busy as an advisor to the Massachusetts Civil Defense Director, as Treasurer of the Gloucester Housing Authority and Chairman of the local Red Cross Disaster Relief. The Creas are now at 993 Robin Hood Lane, Memphis, Tenn. H. G. Weaver, who served in the Marine Corps in World War II, is

now a Lt. Colonel on the Honorary Retired List of the Army. He was not retired on being separated from the Marine Corps.

—J. E. C.

1909

The sympathy of the Class is extended to Forrest and Eleanor Harding in the passing of their youngest child, Anne Woodward, aged sixteen, which occurred at their home in Franklin, Ohio, about March 1st. Anne was stricken with an incurable bone disease a few months earlier.

Katherine Hughes reports that she and Thruston are well. Katherine is President of the District of Columbia Branch of the Army Relief Society. The Hughes, Ords and Baehrs went to dinner with Ethel Wright recently. Irene Ord fractured her wrist during the winter by slipping on the ice.

—G. L. V. D.

1910

It is with great sadness that we must report the death of Joe Aleshire on January 25, 1951 at the Marine Hospital, Mobile, Alabama. One of the most popular men in the class, he will be sorely missed. He is survived by his wife, Eleanor Vidmer, who lives at 2 Wimbledon Road, Spring Hill, Alabama; by three daughters, Mrs. Ben F. Marshall, Mrs. Frederick W. Boye, Jr. and Mrs. I. B. Cook; and by a sister, Mrs. A. G. Hatch. Burial was with full military honors in the National Cemetery at Mobile.

It was fine to get a phone call from Walt Dunn, one Sunday morning in February. He and Molly were passing through Washington en route to Phoenix, Arizona. They expect to return to their home in New Castle, New Hampshire, sometime in April. Joe Taulbee writes frequently from San Antonio. He says that the 1910 boys there, Duck Reinhardt, Jerry Moore, Chip and he, are all fine.

A radio broadcast from Rochester, N. Y. on March 2nd by Mr. Lowell Thomas described the remarkable achievements of George Eastman and his associates in the field of photography. Mr. Thomas then stated that he had been very agreeably escorted over the immense establishment by Oscar Solbert. Good work indeed, Oscar.

Our deep sympathy goes to Portia Marshburn, Herbie's widow, and daughter-in-law, Edna Marshburn, about the report in January that young Herbert, a lieutenant in the 7th Division, was missing in action in the Far East Command. Our fervent prayers are that this fine young officer may soon be returned, sound and well. Portia lives at 2819-P Street N.W., Washington, D. C.

A very amusing letter was received from Kenneth Harmon a while back. He said among other things that he was studying a recent text book on radio and television, that electricity had surely changed a lot since we studied it at the Academy. It now flows from negative to positive—the opposite from what it used to do. He commented that one would be amazed at all the things they can put into a vacuum tube and how they can regiment those poor little electrons into goosestepping this way and that. Ken's remarks are intriguing for all the "goats" who were "turned out" in Electricity.

—R. H. D.

1911

Probably all classmates have heard of the sad death in a jeep accident of Walker, W.

H., who entered the Academy with 1911 and graduated in 1912. In World War I he commanded a machine gun battalion in combat. In World War II he was Patton's senior corps commander. Patton rated him No. 1 out of sixty generals in his command. At the time of his death he was a lieutenant general commanding the Eighth Army in Korea, which had defeated the North Koreans and was successfully defending Seoul. MacArthur rated him a brilliant military leader. He was promoted posthumously to the rank of full general, thus attaining the highest rank of any classmate. He wore two Distinguished Service Crosses, a Distinguished Service Medal, three Silver Stars, a Legion of Merit, a Bronze Star Medal and a Commendation Ribbon, beside numerous foreign decorations. "Well done," Johnny. He was buried with full military honors in Arlington National Cemetery. He leaves his widow; a son, Captain Sam Sims Walker, who graduated from West Point in 1946; and a grandson.

Homer has retired and is living in Chicago, where he is Deputy Director of Civil Defense for the State of Illinois. This leaves on the active list only Morris, who is a Lieutenant General and Commander in Chief of the Caribbean Command.

Wall has had an interview, and Franke had a letter, published in South Carolina papers. Both discussed the present national and military situation and what to do about it. Of course their views are entirely sound.

Funkhouser, who entered the Academy in the Class of 1910 and was in both 1911 and 1912, writes that it is indeed a pleasant thought to know that he is not forgotten and that he shall make every effort to attend the 40th Reunion. He is a county judge in Illinois.

News of class daughters:

Beatty's daughter lives outside Boston, where her husband is with the General Electric Company. Simpson's daughter, May Byrne, is married to Wyatt R. Flock, a young California sculptor, who won first prize in sculpture at the Centennial Exhibit at the Los Angeles Museum last year. Hoisington's daughter, Elizabeth, is a captain in the Regular Army WAC. Booton's daughter, Mary, is Mrs. Titherington. She lives in Burrville, Conn., where her husband is with the Torrington Company. Nalle's daughter is married to Lieutenant Colonel Tyson of the Field Artillery. Lockwood's daughter, Cherry Lane, is taking up occupational therapy at San Jose College. She graduated a year ago from Carleton College, Minn. Estes' daughter, Katherine, keeps house for her father and has a position in a broker's office in Washington. Bradford's daughter, Sally, who is Mrs. Richard E. Peek, Jr., has three children and lives in Florida. Her husband was a lieutenant commander in the Navy in World War II. The ship he commanded received the Presidential Citation.

At our 20th Reunion in 1931 the class voted to rescind its action against Bock, taken when we were cadets, and to so inform him, but has been unable to locate him until recently. Accordingly, Franke, as Class President, has written to Bock, as follows: "The class for a long time has been wanting to express its deep regret over the action taken against you when we were cadets together. Perhaps youthful misjudgment and intolerance by a few, and without full knowledge of details by the entire class, best describes and accounts for the action taken. For this, even at this late date, we wish to apologize and pray that you will regard yourself as a member of 1911"

Further news of the small fry, superfine:

One of Franke's daughters, Helen, is married to Lieutenant Colonel Christian Hanburger, Corps of Engineers. They have three children. His other daughter, Mildred, is married to Edwin H. Kerrison, Jr., of Cam-

den, S. C. They have two children. Mooney's daughter, Patricia Ann, is in the legal research department of the International Monetary Fund in Washington. Blunt's oldest daughter, Mary, is Mrs. John E. Henser of California. They have one child, a daughter. Blunt's other two daughters, Ellen and Bethy, are in school in Washington. Wheeler's daughter, Peggy, is the wife of Lieutenant Colonel Wilkerson, Infantry, stationed at the Command and General Staff College. They have one child, Laurie. Wyche's daughter, Betsy, is office manager of the Junior League in Washington. Fleming's daughter, Jocelyn, is Mrs. Gutches. Her husband is a government economist in Washington. They have one daughter. Baxter's oldest daughter is married to Horace F. Amrine, who is in the State Department in Washington. They have three children. His second daughter is married to Colonel C. O. Moffett, stationed at Wright-Patterson Field: They have two children.

Farris, an absentee from class graduation, writes: "Your card refreshes my memory of my short stay at the Academy. My acquaintances there were acquired through short visits to the latrine, since I didn't get out of my Plebe year and the last three months of that were spent on the area". Nonetheless, he served as a captain in the 83rd Division in France in World War I and three of his four sons saw service in World War II.

More of the superfines:

Heffernan's daughter, Betty, is the wife of Major James W. King, Air Force, now in command of an Air Transport Squadron in the Philippines. They have three daughters. Hardy's daughter, Mary, is Mrs. Charles N. Wagner. Her husband is a lawyer in Helena, Mont. He was a lieutenant colonel of field artillery in World War II and received the Bronze Star Medal. They have one son. Conard's three daughters are: Janice, Mrs. Underwood; Kathleen, the wife of Colonel Rex I. Heinlein, (her first husband was Major Douglas Kilpatrick, killed in an airplane accident; three daughters); and Josephine, Mrs. Lescobier, who has three daughters. Nance's daughter, Kirstin, is married and lives in Trinidad. She has one son.

Since publication of the 40-year pamphlet, "1911, Ret.", there have already been two changes in vital statistics, one death and one marriage. Nichols writes that he was informed in La Jolla, Calif., that Wier died some months ago. No further details except that he leaves a widow. We all remember him as the captain of the 1910 football team. Although he resigned in 1914, he served as a major of infantry in the AEF in World War I and was on the emergency officers retired list. "Be thou at peace", Pappy.

The marriage is that of Surles' widow, Anne Lee, to Mr. Wilmer J. Waller of Washington, D. C. The class wishes them every happiness.

Recently, 1911 had the honor of lunching at the Army-Navy Club in Washington at the 1901 Round Table. We hope that 1921, ten years from now, will find 1911 in as fine shape as 1911 found 1901. Present from 1901 were Beck, Jordan and Smith, W. D., from 1911, Bradford, Blunt, Estes, Fleming, Mooney and Nance. Beck was stuck for the "You Know What"

LAST CALL FOR THE FORTIETH REUNION! Cash that check, get down to the ticket office and BUY that Round Trip Ticket to West Point for June 3rd, 4th and 5th. SEE YOU THERE!

—K. S. B.

1912

Charlotte Walker, widow of our distinguished classmate Johnnie Walker, whose tragic death in Korea last December the Na-

tion, and especially our Class, bemoans, has written from Johnnie's aged mother's home in Belton, Texas, to Class Headquarters, expressing her deep appreciation for the sympathy and help she received from class officials and classmates in general in her deep sorrow. We are indebted to Charlie Drake for his long letter reporting on the impressive funeral ceremony at Arlington honoring our Johnnie, who was awarded four-star rank posthumously by a grateful Nation.

Jimmie Gerard (Maxie Maxwell's wartime aide) sent us a copy of G.O. 14, Hq, Eighth Army (EUSAK), awarding the Distinguished Service Cross (Posthumous) to Second Lieutenant William H. Wilbur, Jr., Co. "I", 8th Cav. Regt., 1st Cav. Div., "... who distinguished himself by extraordinary heroism in action ... and on 6 September 1950 was mortally wounded." Reading the inspiring citation reminds us of another William H. Wilbur, our classmate and Lt. Wilbur's proud father, who received the Medal of Honor for heroism far beyond the call of duty in carrying a vital message from General Patton to the defending French Commander ashore in Morocco in the fall of 1942. "Like father, like son."

Marge Bingham writes from 3721 Reservoir Rd., N.W., Washington, D. C., that she hopes to settle there permanently. Stephe Chamberlin underwent a check-up at Walter Reed in January and emerged with a clear bill of health. Warner Day promises to be on hand with Harriette at the 40th Year Reunion. He writes: "I'll be especially anxious to have Crit, Slat and P. Wood there so that we can see what 44 years will have done to our brand of close harmony". Heine and Mildred Hinemon report: "The farm, 10 acres and a number of buildings, was just too much for us. We sold out and bought a ranch-type house which we like very much better". Geoff Keyes could not stand retired life, so we find him back on the big job in Washington as Director of the Defense Department's Weapons Evaluating Group.

The Kuldells enjoyed a week's visit in January by Dorothy Cramer and her daughter Doty. In February the Maxwells occupied for a few days that luring guest room that is getting more and more famous among 1912'ers who travel through Houston. The Milo Foxes drove up for a luncheon in honor of the Maxwells, and we were glad to learn from Maxie that Milo is now looking very fit after having been a bit under the weather during the past few years. Chen Chynoweth sailed on March 31 from New York to attend the wedding of his daughter Frances and Jean Marie Sauvageot near Paris on April 14. Chen hoped to meet up with Henry McLean in Paris and do some traveling together before returning home about May 15. Henry sailed for France on March 11.

We are glad to know that Nardi Reeder Campion (sister of Red Reeder) is writing a book on our faithful old 1912 friend, Marty Maher. Ruth McLane, writing from Wyman Park Apts., Baltimore 11, Md., says that she is contemplating the sale of the lovely home she and Mac built in Biltmore Forest near Asheville, N. C., and moving to Baltimore to be near her relatives. We are grateful to her daughter, Jean, for writing the obituary on Mac, which is published in this issue of *Assembly*.

During the past year we have received year books from the following listed West Point classes: 1909 and 1911 — 40 Year Books; 1913, 1914, and 1915 — 35 Year Books. It is most gratifying to the Class of 1912 to read the closing paragraph of 1915's Thirty-five Year Book: "ACKNOWLEDGMENT—As the twig is bent . . ." * * * The Class of 1915 would be remiss if it failed to mention its admiration for, and its debt of gratitude to, the Class of 1912. You, as 1st Classmen, represented the finest of all things to us as plebes and you furnished us with a pattern of character, manhood,

and leadership which we of 1915 emulated. We honor you and salute you".

Reminders: If you have not sent in your annual class dues (due July 1 annually) or other contributions to the Class Treasury, please do it now; and let us not forget our obligations to support the Association of Graduates and its several agencies.

—W. H. H. and O. J. G.

1913

Jeff Keyes was honored with a review at Fort Myer, Virginia on October 31, the date of his retirement. Leila and he left immediately to enjoy their first leave in ten years by touring the United States, visiting their many relatives. But stern duty overtook the travelers, and he is back in the Pentagon on active duty as head of the Weapons Evaluation Board. By the way, can any reader be of assistance in finding them a suitable place to live? They spend their spare time (and how well most of us know the picture) making the rounds.

Monk Lewis and Mrs. Florence Johnson have announced their marriage on January 16th at Elicot, Powhatan County, Virginia, the beautiful old home of the bride. Immediately after the ceremony, which was limited to members of the immediate family, the couple left for Bradenton, Florida to spend a few days with Edith and Ole. Their trip home, to San Francisco, is via El Paso, Texas and Acapulco, Mexico. When last heard from they were at Acapulco. The felicitations and congratulations of the entire class are extended, and it is the sincere wish of all that there are no traffic cops en route and that the signal lights are always green.

Madam Weeks is spending the winter at Saranac Lake, where Rita is recuperating nicely from a rather severe illness. They expect to return to Washington in the fall. Both Tex Davidson and Stuart Cramer have recovered from rather severe stomach operations. Both complain that their capacity for eating is limited. Now they can wear those hardly-worn suits which had grown too small—waistward.

The sympathy of everybody is extended to Doris and Johnny Johnson whose boy is reported missing in Korea.

Snake Young has recovered from a throat ailment which had him in Walter Reed for a couple of weeks. After a nice sick leave in Florida, he is back on the job. However, the newspapers are hinting of his early retirement and openly predicting his promotion to Major General. Nice going, Snake! You deserve it.

All of us had the pleasure of seeing Copthorne, for a few minutes at a Class Luncheon, who was passing through on an important business trip. Copsy now resides at Wilmette, Illinois where he is engaged in the paint business.

Imogen and Francis Englehart recently visited their daughter and son-in-law, Major and Mrs. A. B. Conard, Jr., at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. Mrs. Conard entertained delightfully for them and many classmates had a real get-together with the visitors from the frozen North.

—O. K. Sadtler.

1914

We have heard from our former classmate, Alexander McKinnon, who started at West Point with us in 1910. He went to the Panama Canal in 1914, became a construction engineer and stayed there till 1927. Then he was with the Veterans Administration 1931-1947, when he retired from the Civil Service. He is married, has three children, two of whom were in the War. He now

lives at 421 East Cincinnati Ave., Muskogee, Oklahoma.

Fred Herman's daughter Mary Rose was married at Westfield, N. Y. on December 28, 1950 to John J. Mott, a veteran who expects to be a civil engineer or a second lieutenant next June, graduating from Mississippi State College.

Benny Hoge has retired—no change in address. Jim Cress has also retired and when last heard from was making a leisurely trip to California where his address will be in care of his father, Gen. G. O. Cress, Mills College, Oakland, Calif.

Snowden Skinner is recuperating in the South from a rather serious operation performed just before Christmas. Art Harris has been vacationing in the Virgin Islands. We will find out from him how much of Jack Jouett's boasting about Saint Thomas is pure imagination.

—H. Brand.

1915

Hats off to Hume Peabody for a superb job in getting out the Thirty-Five Year Book. And Tom Hanley takes a bow for needed assists, including the prodding of the laggards (perhaps they're just modest) who seemed to think that their annals were of interest only to themselves. In spite of all the obstacles encountered by Hume, Tom, et al, we have a proper item to put on the special shelf beside the family Bible, the Farmer's Almanac, and the photo collection of the grandchildren. Hume writes that his concentration on the authentic helped to create the right state of mind for making out his income tax return; it will be strictly non-fictional.

Julia Sanderson's photo, a nostalgic harking back of the editors to a day when we were younger, rounds out the book perfectly. Her note to Hume from her Longmeadow, (Mass.) home, thanking him for her copy reads: "I was delighted to receive the Thirty-Five Year Book of the Class of 1915. I am enjoying the interesting autobiographies and pictures. Please accept my thanks for the friendly thoughts of me. It is a thrill to be able to travel down Memory Lane in such distinguished company. My very best wishes, and gratitude"—Julia Sanderson Crumit.

The plug for getting 1915 to take membership in the Association of Graduates has brought three into the fold,—Hunt and Ritchel as annual members, while Randolph has wisely taken a life sentence. We're still a long way behind contemporary classes in associating ourselves with our fellow grads. Let's get going.

Tom writes that only 37 of us are still on the active list. That figure includes Ike, recalled from retirement to take over the toughest job of his career. Hurrying back from his first survey of the NATO scene, Ike buried himself at West Point for a few days, and to very good purpose. When he left, his brief case held the finished arguments that swept the boards in Congress and won the even more important support at the grassroots level.

Tom's note adds that Conklin is due back from Japan in late April, with retirement soon after. Wallington was reported due for a life of ease at an earlier date. Kelihern hung up his official hat in December. Walton has bedded down at Winter Park, Florida, clearly convinced that Lev Williams, as permanent head of the City Commission of adjacent Orlando, needs some mature advice from time to time. Cliff Jones retired February 28.

Joe McNarney cut loose from his office in early January long enough to give our First and Second Classes his views on leadership, with special emphasis on applying sound management principles to military

affairs. The test of any lecture here is the aftermath, measured in terms of the volume of questions thrown by cadets at instructors on the field covered by the lecturer. Joe scored a top Hooper rating.

Congratulations to Joe Swing, John Leonard, and Red Irwin on their third stars, and the widely varied assignments included in their respective packages. Well-founded rumors indicate that other three-star candidates are waiting in the wings for their cues. Time enough to spell that out after the final word comes from Washington.

Fred Boye can't get away from his horses. As Executive Vice-President (that means prime mover) of the U.S. Equestrian Team, International Equestrian Competition Corporation, Inc., he is going all out to see that the doormat status of U.S. horsemen in international competition during recent years is ended. The first results of a few months' effort by ETIECC was a fine showing in the 1950 National Horse Show, leaving broad smiles on Fred's face when I saw him at Madison Square Garden.

Just one 1915 son will come off our treadmill in June when Michael McQuatters Davis will be graduated. Meanwhile, the grandsons are bringing us near the time of our third impact on the Academy.

Last minute news from Hume Peabody:

"I have just received a letter from Robert Scott Taylor, son of Pat Taylor, to whom Henry Aurand sent a Year Book. Robert asked me to inform Doodle Harmon and Howard Donnelly that he was only 12 years old and that he believes he is the youngest "Class Son". I agree with him. Wop Watson has a girl of five or six but in this case girls don't count.

"We had a nice luncheon, the 5th with 17 present. John Robinson was in town and believe he plans on going into business in D. C. Babe Conklin is taking his pre-retirement training at Walter Reed. He reports that Doug Weart is in bad shape with cataracts, both eyes. They operated on one and he was doing fine until he had a hemorrhage. The other wasn't ready for operation yet. From what they tell Doug had been carrying on for some time with other folks doing his seeing. Imagine that. Me, I'd probably get a cold at the same time and then would I be in a fix—I wouldn't be able to tell whether they gave me a glass of whiskey or just plain water.

"Had a note from Doc Brownell who is spending the winter in Charleston. Says Highlands is too damned cold in the winter. Also one from Carl Hocker who is improving after his long sojourn in the hospital last fall"

—H. B.

1916

The Class is looking forward to the best Reunion it has ever had on its 35th anniversary this June. More than fifty members are now planning to attend, and the Class Committee is working out a swell program. If you have not yet made up your mind, please advise Brig Bliss as soon as you reach a decision.

Bill Hoge, who since 1948 has been in command in Trieste, was ordered back to the States this spring, but then was immediately shipped out to the Far East. Doug Page, who since last summer has been on duty in the Pentagon, was ordered this winter to San Antonio. Goop Worsham, now a Vice President of the Ralph M. Parsons Company, has been transferred from Los Alamos, New Mexico to Los Angeles, California, in charge of foreign operations of the company. Monty Monsarrat returned from Hawaii to Los Gatos, California, in February. Later in the spring he is coming east for the Reunion. Clyde Altman

writes from Silver City, New Mexico that he does not feel physically able to make the trip east this June, but sends his greetings and best wishes to all.

Maurice Miller, after retiring last year, was house hunting in San Antonio in February under the guidance of Bill Spence, now a realtor. Eddie Shafer is still in Laredo, and has sent us some pictures of his yacht on the Rio Grande. Babe Weyand spent a month in Florida early in the winter. He is now back in Cornwall-on-Hudson. While in the south he saw Rosie Cabell, Pablo Parker, Jim Pickering, George Blankenship, and Riney Rinearson. He reports that they all look great, youngish and full of pep.

Red O'Hare, at the Embassy in Paris, writes that present conditions keep him extremely busy, but that he hopes he will be able to get back to the Reunion in June. Knox Cockrell visited Fort Benning during January to see his son, daughter-in-law, and two grandchildren. At the time he was in Fort Benning Joe Tully was there visiting, but Knox was unable to catch up with him. Incidentally, Joe Tully says that he is now in charge of the training program at Fort Lewis and fears that he will not be able to get back to the Reunion.

Jack Miley spent some time in San Antonio early last winter. While there he saw Vic Wales, Bob Whitson, and George Newgarden. Spike Maulsby returned to Stuart, Florida, about the first of the year, after a trip all around the country in which he visited more classmates than can be recorded here. Bob Neyland, who resumed his position as Director of Athletics at the University of Tennessee after the war, is planning to be at the Reunion. His boy is now a sophomore at Tennessee.

Gallagher and his wife spent a couple of months in Europe this fall, where he was making an inspection trip for the Battle Monuments Commission. Horace McBride, on a short visit to Washington, attended a 1916 luncheon. He is now in command at Fort Leavenworth. Hearse Henderson, at El Paso, had a visit from Jim Caperton and his wife during February. He also says that Otto Lange was there at New Year's and Spike Maulsby stopped off to see him during his famous trip around the country.

Potter Campbell blew into Washington for a day during February. He has completely recovered from his operation a year ago, and is as full of pep as always. Bob McCullough, who lives at Wynnewood, Pennsylvania, but travels a great deal on business, was in Washington and called up on the telephone a few weeks ago. He promised that the next time he was here he would get in touch personally and give us more news. Before he hung up the telephone, however, he promised to be at the Reunion.

In January the D.S.C. awarded to Jimmie Ruddell's son for gallantry in Korea was formally presented at First Army Headquarters to Jimmie's infant grandson. Also, word has just been received that Tom Martin's boy, Sam, has received the Silver Star. He was wounded in Korea but refused to relinquish his command.

Just an added reminder—Don't forget our 35th Reunion in June. The Class wants to see YOU there.

—E. G. B.

April, 1917

According to an AP dispatch from Korea in December, "Dutch" Keiser's Second Division held back the Chinese during the critical days of the great enemy offensive at that time. The dispatch, referring to the division as "a highly trained force, one of the elite units of the Army" stated casualties were heavy, "its road to glory strewn with the bodies of brave officers and men" There were seven bullet holes in Dutch's

jeep and finally he was evacuated to the hospital in Tokyo with bronchial pneumonia. He is now home in command of the training center at Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania. We are proud of you, Dutch!

Clare Armstrong and Mary have returned from overseas and he is C.G. at Camp Stewart, near Savannah, Georgia. Joe Tate retired at his own request in February. George Wooley has been named coordinator of civil defense for Montgomery County, Md., which adjoins the District of Columbia. He lives in Chevy Chase. Bob Ransom has been designated by the city of Gaithersburg, Md., as its civil defense director.

Leo Erler made a hurried visit to Washington in January from his station in Japan, where he is on George Stratemeyer's staff. He brought greetings from Bob Kunz, who is Deputy Chief Signal Officer of the Far East Command, and Pat Mahoney. Clarke Fales was in Washington in January. He saw Helen Brown (Homer's widow) and Fenton McGlachlin's mother during a recent trip to Texas. He has a ranch at Moon P.O., Mathews County in Tidewater, Virginia.

Wilbur Elliott passed away December 27th at Fort Shafter, Hawaii, where he had been on duty as transportation officer. Several members of the class will attend the funeral if held at Arlington Cemetery, as expected. The Washington members of the class will send flowers.

We were all happy to learn of Tom Sinkler's promotion in September to full Colonel. No more deserving promotion could have been made. Tom did a splendid job for many years at West Point writing this column for the class and greeting all of us whenever we returned there.

We are all proud of the special honors that have come recently to Matt Ridgway and Fred Irving. A splendid article appeared in *Newsweek* in January about Matt, whose photograph appeared on the cover. The article about him in our *Howitzer* was quoted and in several magazines and newspapers it was stated that "his high character, his natural qualities of leadership and his brilliant attainments guarantee superb performance" in his assignment as commander of the Eighth Army in Korea. And Fred's selection to be Supe—the 42d officer to hold the post—reflects honor on the entire class. He and Vivian are worthy successors to the long line of distinguished Superintendents and first ladies at West Point. We'll see them at our 35th reunion in 1952.

At the regular bi-monthly meeting of the class in Washington, held at the Fort McNair Officers' Club January 18th, the following were present: Morris Barroll, Percy Black, Sef Clark, Johnny Devine, Birdie Eagles, Bill Eley, Burnet Olmsted, Bob Ransom, Dave Rumbough, Bill Sackville, Steve Sherrill, Sam Smith, George Wooley and Kewp Yuill. These are held on the third Thursday of alternate months. Details of the March 19 meeting will appear in the next issue of *Assembly*.

—S. H. S.

August, 1917

Since the last issue of *Assembly*, our class has suffered terribly. First, we lost Bryant Moore; the account of his death in Korea must have been read by everyone. Bryant was a fine "Supe", and his influence on the Academy will be felt for a long time. He was happy here; but his business was fighting, and if there was any fighting going on, he felt that his place was there. He volunteered as early as last summer, and the call came early this year. One day his telephone rang, with Washington on the line. A voice said: "Matt wants you; when can you go?" Bryant replied, "Tomorrow morning" In

leaving here he set a fine example for the cadets of today and those of other days.

And then came the news of the tragic death of our beloved secretary-treasurer, Jack Coffey. General Handy, in EUCOM, had asked that Jack come over for an important temporary assignment. He had about completed it but had one more trip to make. He and his pilot, in General Handy's liaison plane, left Heidelberg for the short hop to Bonn. Weather preventing a landing there, they turned back toward Frankfurt. The crash occurred near Coblenz, Jack and his pilot being killed instantly. His funeral here, a most impressive one, was attended by Jerry Counts, Red Warner, Red Durfee, Harry Rising, Red Shaffer, Harry Wood, and your temporary scribe. I first got to know Jack "officially" at Fort Leavenworth, when Ed Leavey, Red Shaffer, Bart Harloe, Jack Heavey, George Eyster, and I were taking the course. He was one of the most popular and effective instructors they had. In addition, he was into everything that was a worthy cause. One of his most successful projects was the Boy Scout troop. Here at the Academy, he was not only a fine Professor of Ordnance but took part in every worth-while activity. But wherever he was, he was never too busy to take care of the affairs of his class, his first love.

With the loss of Bryant and Jack, it seemed that our class had suffered enough for one year. But then came a telegram announcing the death of George Eyster, whom we all loved. Some of you have seen the piece in the service journals, but no doubt many have not. After distinguished service as G-3 of the European Theater, George returned for station in Washington, where he was Deputy Chief of the Army's Public Information Division. In March of last year he suffered a heart attack and was retired in September. As Jack told us in the last issue, George then became the Public Information Officer of the Retired Officers' Association. He died on March 9, after another heart attack. In the summer of 1944 I spent some time in the European Theater and saw quite a bit of George and his work. He was doing a superb job and had the respect and affection of all his associates.

But in spite of our losses, we must close ranks and carry on the activities of the class, one of the most important of which is our column in *Assembly*. If the column is always written at West Point, the scribe runs out of news, for somehow our members just won't write in. So I suggest that we have the next three columns written in Washington, in California, and in Kansas. As everyone knows, the first two are centers of Army activity. I include Kansas because there's a man in Wichita who even during World War II was never too busy to collect and pass around a lot of class news. As I hear no objection, I suggest that each member send a news item to Biff Jones (Col. L. M. Jones, 3262 Aberfoyle Place, N.W., Washington, D. C.) by May 15. If you don't help out, the column may go dead.

Miscellaneous: Dutch Gerhardt, Sam Ringsdorf, Bill Whittington, Hal Cooney, and Duddy Stamps represented the class at the Founder's Day dinner of the West Point Society of New York. Dutch has recently moved from St. Louis to New York, where he has an important position with Remington-Rand. He left Clyde Morgan and Cooper Barnes in St. Louis. Sam is still with Mutual Life and Bill with Bell Telephone of New Jersey. Hal is with the First Army. We missed Tracy Dickson and Red Shaffer, who usually attend the New York dinner.

No doubt all have read of Ed Leavey's assignment to SHAPE, in Paris. Dent Sharp is also back in harness, as Exec. in D/A G-2. Kit Carson is due at West Point about June 1 to take up his duties as Treasurer, U.S.M.A.

—Dodson Stamps.

June, 1918

Frank Turner died of a heart attack New Year's Eve at his home, 1724 Santa Barbara Street, Santa Barbara, California, where he was residing with his wife Edith and his daughter Dorothy. He was buried at Arlington. With reference to Frank's death Hans Kramer writes: "When I mentioned in my letter of November 30, 1950, that I had gotten word from Frank Turner, I had hopes of an early reunion with him. As you may recall, Frank and I were close friends as cadets. We were both appointed from Michigan and were in the same company as plebes. Not having seen him since graduation, I had looked forward with genuine pleasure to a real reunion with him. But now that will have to wait!"

Lloyd Mielenz' son, Lloyd, Jr. (Class of 1950) was badly wounded in action in Korea. He was flown to Walter Reed Hospital where, we understand, a complete recovery is expected. From "East of Seoul, Korea", on March 8, 1951, Bit Barth wrote: "We've been terribly busy with two offensive operations. * * * On March 7th we crossed the Han against heavy enemy resistance and we are still going. * * *". Elsie and Clarence Townsley's son, Edwin (Class of 1949), is an Engineer with Bit's division, the 25th Infantry Division. Mary Barth's address is: Dependent's Mail Section, APO No. 40, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco.

Tenney Ross writes: "Sam Sturgis has been ordered from Omaha, where he was Division Engineer, Missouri Valley Division, to command the 6th Armored Division at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. I understand this is a big training job—should mean a second star for Sam. 'Hewie' and Birdie Hewitt had a South American trip some months ago, but now 'Hewie' is working day and night in the Canal Zone. Hear a rumor that Andy Moore will shortly return from Paris to retire. I have been a grandpa for 16 months thanks to daughter Marian and hubby, Major S. N. Karrick, Jr. (January '43). They are at West Point"

"Hab" Elliot has been relieved from assignment as South Pacific Division Engineer in San Francisco and has been assigned to the Engineer Center at Fort Belvoir, Va. Tom Kern has been relieved from his assignment with the 6th Army, Oregon Military District, Vancouver Barracks, Washington, and has been assigned to the Continental U.S. Defense Planning Group, Washington, D. C. "Laddie" Bellinger's mother, Mrs. Marie Coudert Bellinger, widow of the late Brig. Gen. John B. Bellinger (Class of 1884) died on March 11, 1951 at her home in Flushing, Queens, New York.

Recently we visited with "Mickey" and Bill Barriger at their quarters in Fort Myer, Virginia (where they are occupying the same house in which Marjorie and Lucius Clay lived for some time during the last war). Lita and Lane Holman spent the evening there with us. We also had a nice visit with "Freddie" Kimble at his office in the Pentagon. ("Freddie" is still a bachelor.) While there we phoned Jim Newman, who has retired and is living at the Wardman Park Hotel in Washington, D. C. "Freddie" Kimble tells us that: Bill and Mildred Davis are still living in Olean, N. Y.; "Connie" Jadwin recently saw "Freddy" Fenn in St. Petersburg, Fla.; "Swede" Axelson is now at Fort Monroe; and Ben Manning is in the machine tool business in Cleveland, Ohio. Last February we had a lovely visit with Frances and Hal Lewis at their home in Miami, Fla. There should be no liquor problem for our 35th reunion, since "Pat" Casey has now joined Schenley Laboratories Inc. as Assistant to the President.

Kate and Pierre Agnew's son, Malcolm, (Class of 1949) married Miss Marian Karns of Swarthmore, Pa., at Swarthmore in Dec-

ember. "Pat" Timothy writes that his younger son Jack graduated from Duke University last year and is now in New York City; that his son James (Class of 1942) is the most decorated man in his class to survive the war and is now on Eisenhower's Staff in Paris. "Pat" was retired upon his return from overseas and is now with the Southern Natural Gas Co. in Birmingham, Ala., where he is now living and where he is organizing a local West Point Society.

"Heinie" Balsh, Dick Richardson and Bob Hamilton are in Boston where they have re-activated the West Point Society of Boston after a nine year lull. Dick is President, "Heinie" is Secretary and Treasurer. "Laddie" Bellinger, "Heinie" Stenzel, Clarence Townsley and your scribe were together at the West Point Dinner in New York in March.

—J. L. G.

November, 1918

True merit is at last rewarded. "Corp" has his stars. Elmer Barnes, who about a year ago took over as Public Relations Chief, Manager and Promoter for the Champ, is justly proud and swamped with clients. I hope Elmer, himself, is next. Pence, Twitty, Walsh, March, Molitor, Monroe and Runkleberg have got theirs back.

Major General Ira Swift is back from Vienna and now commands the 3rd Armored Division at Knox. Fred Pearson writes: "At Camp Polk I ran into Jim Styron commanding the 45th Division. He is doing the fine job we would expect of him. Jim's altitude hasn't changed any but his latitude has increased". Fred also reports seeing Trower and Montgomery in Chicago. Montgomery, retired, is doing well with Materials Supply Co., there. His son, graduated in 1946, is back from Korea and at Camp Carson, and now under orders for Panama. Alex McCone reported to Hq. 4th Army at Fort Sam Houston in the I.G., but has since taken command of the Arkansas Military District. Sawtelle is retired and lives in Corpus Christi. Praeger is in the oil business in Amarillo. He ends by suggesting that we all check our addresses in the last Register of Graduates and, where errors or omissions occur, send the correct address to the Association of Graduates. A good suggestion. Pass the word back!

Fred Butler writes very interesting letters of his work commanding the 6th Armored Division, an Infantry Training Division which is just now changing to Engineer Training, Fred becoming No. 2 Boy to Sam Sturgis, and delighted at his luck that it is Sam.

Barnes writes good letters and urges all visiting Washington to remember the Class Luncheon, the second Wednesday of each month. "Lou" Gibney and "Mac" Monroe are at Fort Meade. Sherman, Gildart and Welch have been at Walter Reed. Pop and Clyde are getting vetted for retirement and John convalescing from an operation.

Billie Benton reports that he and Bill Blair have their tails up, and boasts that his 12 year old youngest son wears his (Billie's) West Point F.D. coat at Tin School—and Billie claims it's too big in the chest.

John Fonvielle writes that Johnnie Stokes and he, at the Presidio of San Francisco, are the only classmates on active duty in the area. Miller, A. A., Glasgow, Gorkinski, Hughes, Kilbourne, Sherrill and MacReynolds live in California. Also he reports that he saw Dunkleberg, Epes, Conrad, V. J., Pulsifer and O'Rouark in Hawaii. John, himself, seems to be a very busy man indeed, apparently "on the road" making visits and inspections all over the West Coast Area.

Hunk Holbrook reports that young Willard has a principal appointment for this year.

his only worry is his eyes. (Fathers please inform me when your offspring are about to come "up that hill".) Jim Christiansen writes from Japan: "My job as Engineer here is fascinating" and reports Joe Twitty looking fine in Korea; 'Beanie' Ericson, I.G. for JLCOM in Yokohama; George Keyser, Kester Hastings and Mike Kelly on GHQ Staff; and Al Morgan, Chief of Staff, 2nd Log. Command". Monk Dickson writes that he sees Lodge and McGiffert now and then at the Philadelphia West Point Society. Henry, he terms "a portly investment banker while Mac—I'll save that for next time"

Sam Walker writes from San Salvador that he, Andy March and Tom Brinkley met in Panama and arranged the affairs of the Western Hemisphere. Later John Middleton came through visiting all Central and South American capitals and reported all in good order below the Rio Grande. Archie Colwell, back from a trip to Europe, writes, "Europe is in much better condition than it was three years ago on my last visit, thanks to the Marshall Plan". Farmer Ronald Hicks of Catlett, Virginia, writes of fat cattle and fencing (neither foil nor sabre) ending with "Country living in this section is about the most pleasant way of life I've ever known" and sends regards to all. Special Assistant to the High Commissioner, Hixon, writes from Vienna of Shaler deserting him for Aberdeen, Swift for Tanks, and Goerz for a life of ease in Southern California. However, Bull Kendall is still there in the seats of the mighty.

Valentine writes from Langley Field of Yeager's departure for a West Coast Air Defense Division, of Fellers writing and making speeches for the Republican National Committee, of himself in Paris as A-2 for Tactical Air Command and Portrex, of I.G. work after July 1950 and of that grand trip he took me on in 1945, to the banks of the Danube to visit Hunk Holbrook, to Salzburg and to Berchtesgaden (Oh! Happy Days!)

Peckham writes from New York of a good turnout at the Founder's Day Dinner at the Astor the night of March 15. Present were Aaron, Banister, Bathurst, Bergman, Curtis, Fasnacht, Griffiths, Groves, Hubbel, Leslie, O'Grady, Palmer, Peckham, Platte, Sexton, Townsend, Vidal, Wanamaker and Welchel.

Cunningham, Doc Morton (found Plebe year) and Sheridan sent regrets.

Space allotment is limited for each class news column—so I have summarized brutally the grand letters from Barnes, Benton, Butler, Christiansen, Colwell, Dickson, Hicks, Hixon, Holbrook, Fonvielle, Pearson, Walker, S. P. Suh! and others. They are the men to whom we are beholden for these notes.

We would like to hear from the rest of you before June for the July issue.

—Bryan Conrad.

1919

In case you missed reading the newspapers last December Al Gruenther has moved from Washington to Versailles as Chief of Staff for Eisenhower at SHAPE Headquarters. Grace joined him there after a brief visit to West Point where her sons Don and Dick are both serving, Don teaching electricity and Dick in the physical education department (we used to call it the Master of the Sword's office).

The Class did right well in the recent round of temporary promotions. New major generals are Harlan Hartness, Hugh Hoffman, Peewee Collier, Claude Ferenbaugh, Wayne Zimmerman, and Ed Sebree. Newly made (or remade) brigadier generals include Bobby Gard, Ernest Bixby, J. J. Burns, and Jazzbo Murphy.

Jazzbo is Director of Personnel and Administration, Hq, Eucom, and keeps me regularly informed on the S.O. situation in those parts. Ed Sebree has just taken over command of the U. S. Forces in Trieste, where Jack Whitelaw is Chief of Staff. Bob Montague is now G-3 in EUCOM. Peewee Collier has been commanding the Stuttgart Post. Gene McGinley has left Frankfurt to become G-4 of the Seventh Army. Charlie Pyle is comptroller of the Austrian Command, stationed at Salzburg.

Major Generals Bill Kean and Sladen Bradley and Brigadier General H. J. D. Meyer have been serving in Korea. In the same theater Lt. Phil Samsey (USMA 1950) has just received the Silver Star and a battlefield promotion.

Tom Waters is now PMS&T at the University of California in Berkeley. Bill Wyman has moved on from Governors Island to an assignment in Washington. Bill and Ethel spent Christmas at USMA. Don Shingler is now Division Engineer for the Missouri River Division at Omaha. Bobby Gard has left the job of Treasurer, USMA, to become Artillery Commander of the Seventh Corps at Camp Meade, Md. Jack Madison is PMS&T at The Citadel.

Recent retirements include Ralph Bassett (December 31), C. A. Frank (December 31) and Joe Holly (January 31). Donald H. Nelson, Jr. was recently married in Glendale, California.

Present at the annual dinner of the West Point Society of New York at the Astor on March 15 were Brick Bartlett, Clarence Burgher, Verde Green, Doc Johnson, Bill Regan, and Richard Rick. Burgher is an engineer for the New Jersey Telephone Company in Newark. Verde Green lives at Bound Brook, N. J., and still sells insurance. Doc Johnson is still living in Rye, N. Y. Bill Regan has become investment counsel for a Swiss Reinsurance Company, and will move into offices in the Chrysler Building Annex when the latter is completed. Rick is now in business near Brookhaven, Long Island.

With the departure of Bobby Gard your scribe is now the sole member of the class stationed at USMA. Please help me out in my splendid isolation by passing on news of yourself, your family and classmates in your vicinity so I can keep up the high (?) quality of these reports.

—B. W. B.

1920

The Washington, D. C. area group of the class of '20 had their annual formal dinner dance at the Fort Lesley J. McNair Officers' Mess on the evening of January 20, 1951. Twenty-one members, with their wives attended the affair, which included Colonels Coleman Romain and Leland S. Smith from Fort Lee, Virginia, and Colonel Harrison G. Travis from Highlands, N. J., who with Mrs. Travis were guests of Colonel J. E. Raymond. Others present were Major Generals Byers and Mudge, Brig. Gen. McGaw, and Colonels Cassidy, Denson, Durst, Harris, Horn, Brady, Van Sickler, "Chet" Hines, Reuter, Morse, Hoge, E. C. Johnston, and Tombaugh.

The Washington group continues its monthly luncheon, normally held the third Thursday of each month. Any members of the class whose duties or pleasures bring them to Washington at this time should contact Freddie Harris at Room 3E408 the Pentagon for the time and place of the get together.

Eddie Englehart, who lives at 39 Hillcrest Avenue, Mill Valley, Calif., writes that he was appointed to a full-time job as Coordinator of Civil Defense for Marin County in the San Francisco Bay area on December 6, 1950. The following paragraph is quoted

from his letter: "Thirty of the communities in Marin County are setting up their civil defense corps and so I find no letdown in my 'retirement'. Throughout the various echelons of civil defense in California there are so many retired officers that the illusion is we are still in the service and working in mufti on a special staff problem".

Nothing but reports containing the highest praise continue to reach this contributor about the compilation of vital statistics on the Class of 1920 circulated June 14, 1950 to all members. It is now pretty generally known that Don Leehey accomplished this outstanding work and deserves the greatest credit, too, for the fine and brilliant job which he did entirely alone.

More "news" from you classmates would be welcomed for this column. If you have an item, send it in while it's fresh!

—E. C. G., Jr.

1921 and 1922

Coincidence and good fortune seem to be making it possible lately for Orioles in many places to serve in pairs or groups. The coincidence appears even stronger when you consider the minuscule figure which represents their total strength in the Army of today.

With Ollie Hughes commanding a regiment in Berlin, Matty can feel sure of support in his own job. Dollie is with Ollie and likes Berlin, even if it is somewhat confining. Max Taylor and Fritz Lee continue in Washington; P. D. Lynch, just nominated for his second star, is Director of Manpower and Organization, USAF, there. Morris Marcus moves from Washington to be AG at San Francisco POE, but Field Sadtler has reported in at the Munitions Board and P. D. Crandell goes to the Pentagon from Governors Island. That leaves Rumaggi at the Island and Selby Little at 39 Whitehall Street to support each other. Lawton, Carpenter and Kane are all at AFF Headquarters at Monroe. And Wilhide goes to Detroit Arsenal where he'll be able to team up with D. J. Crawford.

The Detroit Free Press reported in February that D. J. had received an unexpected decoration from a waitress at a luncheon of the Economic Club in Detroit. D. J. was to introduce the principal speaker, but just before that took place the waitress dumped a plate of chicken a la king down his back. When he rose to speak D. J. cracked: "Every speaker starts out with a joke. This time the joke is on you. I'm the only man in the place to get two chicken dinners and a cleaning and pressing job at your expense"

Numa Watson is now Assistant Division Commander of the 24th Inf Div in Korea (APO 24, SF), whose commander is Babe Bryan. Before he went to his present job Numa had been Headquarters Commandant, X Corps. Maintenance of a corps set-up was a real headache in a country which was primitive to begin with and which had very little left standing after the armies got to fighting over it. Numa figured that his experience fitted him for running a chain of hotels in civil life if he ever had to do it.

Incidentally, Numa's plebe son couldn't wait to graduate to get into the fighting part of the service so he resigned on March 6. That loss will be offset in the entering class by the principal appointment reported to have been received by one of Tommy Thomson's boys.

Comes an announcement lately of the marriage of Bill Kyle's son in Scarsdale, N. Y., on February 24.

Helen Smith (Mrs. C. R.) is now with the Veterans Administration in Palo Alto.

The West Point dinner in N. Y. on March 15 had several Orioles in evidence. Bill

Kyle presided and Max Taylor made the principal address, while others on hand were Albert, Bassett, Branham, Crandell, Greene, Johnson, R. H., Klein, Little, Rumaggi and Perry Smith.

The Founder's Day radio broadcast on March 17 included Berlin as one of its world-wide stops, and Matty spoke for that sector in words which were as straight to the point as they were well delivered.

Bob Douglass, in addition to being chief of staff of US Air Force Europe, has also commanded the 12th Air Force which was activated to direct the operations of Air Force units in Germany and Austria. However he is now bound for Washington for an unannounced assignment.

Have you begun to think about the big reunion year coming up?

—C. J. B.

1923

Since the last issue of *Assembly*, most of you must have received the news that Tredennick was elected Chairman of the Washington Group, to succeed John Salsman. John did a splendid job during his term of office. Your reporter was in Washington on the 20th of March and had the good fortune to find Tredennick in his office in the Pentagon. We had lunch together—and a long chat in which it was evident that our new Chairman had taken charge with both enthusiasm and competence. Other officers elected at the February 5th meeting were: Wade Heavey, Secretary, and Towle, Treasurer.

Those present at the meeting were: Adams, Carraway, D'Espinosa, Dwyer, Edwards, Jack Evans, Fowler, Joe Greene, Gruver, Harrison, Hugh Johnson, Mahoney, Myers, Noyes, O'Reilly, Salsman, Seebach, Serig, Skinner, Joe Smith, Stodter, Towle and Tredennick. Noyes was in from Alaska, Myers from Colorado Springs and Jack Evans about to leave for Denmark (his orders since changed to Tangier). The proposed constitution for the Washington Group was unanimously adopted with two minor corrections.

Section V of the Constitution, which would vest the conduct of Class affairs in the hands of the Washington Group, was submitted to all members of the Class whose addresses were available, in order to obtain their approval. Tredennick asks me to inform you that the response was very large, and the majority in favor overwhelming. He also received many interesting letters, for which he wishes to express his thanks. The volume is so great that he has been unable to reply to them all yet. He is now writing to Fritz Breidster to inform him of the results of the poll and secure his official assent to the arrangement. A class circular will be forthcoming when all the details have been settled.

The notice for the March 27th luncheon stated that Tredennick is preparing an up-to-date class roster with addresses and will appreciate any reports of changes. Incidentally one of the attractions of the luncheon was an expected visit from J. C. King of Rio de Janeiro.

Through a slip of memory when preparing this column, I failed to include the names of two of our class sons in the roster of those who graduated last June. As I knew both of them well and considered them outstandingly attractive cadets, I can't understand how I had such a lapse. Special apologies are due to Pop Harrold and Les Holcomb because, at the time the list appeared, they were going through the tortures of anxiety for their sons who were in the toughest fighting in Korea. Sherman Harrold and Leslie Holcomb, Jr. are in the 7th Infantry

Division. They fought all the way up to the Yalu River on the Manchurian border and back again. Holcomb was slightly wounded. According to my check-up as of this writing, they are both all right. May they continue so. Les, Sr., is retired and with Black, Sivalls & Bryson, Inc., 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York 20. Pop was retired, but is now on active duty with a Q.M. job in Washington, D. C. He lives at 17 Glen Drive, Belle Haven, Alexandria, Va.

The Class will receive with sorrow the news that the first recipient of the Class of 1923 Swimming Trophy, Lt. James W. Smyly, USAF, Class of 1950, was recently killed in an air crash in Texas. His fine letter of appreciation, which the Washington Group has, came too late to be included in the last issue of *Assembly*.

Babe Bryan has his second star and is commanding the 24th Div. in Korea with Numa Watson as Asst. Div. Commander. Eddie Post is Asst. Div. Commander of the 1st Cavalry Division and George Stewart of the 2nd Infantry Division. Jeff Binns, Ken Sweaney and Tom Lewis recently received one star each. The following have been nominated to be brigadier generals: Gilbert Hayden, Wright Patterson AFB, and Russell Minty, CG 26th Air Div. Miles Reber has also received a second star. We congratulate them one and all.

McInerney is in Stuttgart and his eldest boy is a yearling, on the boxing team in the middle and light-heavyweight class. Mac wrote Tredennick as follows: "We have with the 7th Army Phil Enslow, H. L. Shaffer, Gjelsteen; John B. Horton is over here somewhere; Jimmy Fry is in Austria; Jeff Binns and Damon Gunn are located at Heidelberg European Command Headquarters; Pete Leone is located in Berlin"

Guy Stubbs was in charge of the West Point Dinner arrangements at Ft. Sam Houston. He reported that Temple Holland is at Ft. Sam too.

The saddest event of the Christmas season at West Point was the funeral of Charles O. Moody's wife, Ursula, on December 23rd. The service was held in the Catholic Chapel and interment was in the Post Cemetery. The Washington Group sent flowers on behalf of the Class. Al Keyes and Bill Morton assisted in making arrangements and attended the funeral.

Louis Vauthier has been having serious trouble with his eyes and will have to have cataracts removed from both of them. Mrs. Vauthier reads to him a great deal and says that he especially enjoys letters from classmates. His address is 244 East Main St., Bergenfield, New Jersey.

Hugh C. Johnson, whose job in the Pentagon is one of great responsibility, succumbed to long hours and overwork during the last week in December. He was seriously ill in Walter Reed for some time but made a phenomenal recovery. Although he is not yet back on duty, he attended the class luncheon on February 5th and the other day his secretary said he was well on the road to regaining full health.

Our former classmate, William H. Kelly, is now Brigadier General, Vice Chief of Staff and Adjutant General to Governor Thomas E. Dewey. He visited West Point on March 2nd and was duly heralded in the Daily Bulletin as a distinguished visitor. He was good enough to pay a much appreciated call on me in the Library, although he was so pressed for time that our conversation had to be brief.

The *Redwood City (Cal.) Tribune* recently proclaimed Trooper Price "personal astrologer" to His Highness Sri Ram Mahra, the Ta Lama of Sakja Province, Tibet. The article was a long one, complete with portrait and details.

Baron Kehm, who is Army Attaché in Dublin, sent two long and interesting poop sheets. Unfortunately there isn't space to

quote four pages of legal cap, closely typed on both sides. One poop sheet was a Christmas news letter giving the events from Leavenworth to Dublin and describing the new home and environment in Ireland. The other told of a flying trip to Germany where Kehm saw a great many people and gave details concerning each one. Both documents are on file and available on loan to any member of the class who wants to see them. Simply drop me a line to that effect.

Bob Krueger reports that John Ballantyne is retired and living in El Paso. "His young and beautiful daughter, Suzanne, was elected Sun Carnival Queen for this year."

Tredennick's son, Donald, is a candidate for West Point in 1952 and is preparing at the St. Albans School in Washington.

—W. J. Morton.

1924

"Check for dues enclosed" heads many letters recently received. Hill, J. G. deputy commander 2nd Logistics Command in Korea reports Red Mead as ADC of the 3rd Division; Dick Stephens commands an Inf. Regt. of the 24th Division; Keg Stebbins is G-4 8th Army; Emil Lenzner, Signal Officer 8th Army; Itschner, Engineer I Corps; Mattice, C/S Korean Military Advisory Group; Ackerman, Chief Transportation 2nd Logistical Command and Pat Partridge turning in a grand performance with the 5th Air Force. Charlie Palmer, Division Artillery, 1st Cavalry Division Korea adds the following: Crosby appeared with the IX Corps Artillery Headquarters; Ken Decker commands the Port of Zama in Japan; Eddie White keeps the Air Transport lines open out of Tokyo; Gillette is an advisor to KMGAG.

Dutch Rothgeb writes from Okinawa that six of the Herd are present. Rupe Graves commands an Infantry Regiment; Willie Schaeffer, Allen, Hosea, Walt Linn and Rothgeb head up the Civil Administration teams.

From the Canal Zone comes a gripe from Sandy Goodman that the Herd failed to mention that in August 1949 he was married to Yvonne Louise Smith. Theis has returned from Okinawa to Fort Hayes and George Young is PMS&T at University of Cincinnati. Jennings may now be reached at Hq I Corps Artillery, APO 660, c/o PM San Francisco, California. Tommy Roberts commands the Armored School at Fort Knox; Logan Berry is at Fort Knox. Shorty Keely, who is with the Honolulu Chamber of Commerce, reports that George Duerr is PIO at USARPAC and that Pulsifer who recently arrived thinks he'll call Hawaii home.

Larry Adams advises that his son R. L., Jr. is a member of the Class of '54. Bob Stika has moved to La Jolla, California. Ken Strother writes from Japan that a class gathering before the Army-Navy game was attended by D. D. Martin, Hundley, Ives and wife, Phil Garges, Eddie White, Paul Cooper, Pat Stebbins and the Griffiths, Eareckson and Maher were unable to attend. Carroll Griffin is located at Dumas, Texas. Ray Beurket commands the Deseret Chemical Depot, Tooele, Utah. Vonna Burger is still Executive Director AMG in Trieste. From John A. Stewart, who has an insurance business at Los Altos, California, comes word that K. R. Bailey, who died from a heart attack in January, was buried in the National Cemetery at the Presidio of San Francisco. Bob Berry, Stubblebine, Malin, Schmidt, Reeve Keller, "Stew" and George Taylor (Class of '22) were Honorary Pallbearers.

Ott Nelson, Vice President, New York Life Insurance Company thinks 25th Anniversary issue of "The Thundering Herd" is the best yet. Scores of letters bear this out. Bill Renn writes that he is now in the Forest

Products business in Jenkintown, Pennsylvania. Gus Watson is building a new home at Sheridan Point on the Patuxent River, Maryland; his hobby is fine registered Hereford cattle. Gus is still supplying military vehicles and equipment for military trucks to the Armed Forces. Bob Paton, Packaging Engineer from Edgewood Arsenal, has been ordered to duty with the Air Forces heading up the Packaging activities at Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio.

"Ray" Coombs has reported from retirement to active duty with the Ordnance in Birmingham, Alabama. "Ray" Raymond is liaison officer for the National Production Authority in Washington, D. C. and the Department of Defense (Automotive field). Jim Hulley is attending school in Washington and will soon have another degree. Clint Robinson has acquired a home and is living in the Capital City.

Bob Pape just arrived from Fort Bliss, Texas and is now assigned to the Staff Personnel Policies Board, Office, Secretary of Defense. Larry Ladue has been assigned as Deputy Corps Commander X Corps in Korea. Frank Kidwell is now Signal Officer First Army. Tom McCulloch recently returned to Washington after spending several weeks in Paris. Ralph Koch has reported from the Third Army where he was Comptroller, to the Office, Chief of Finance in Washington and TDY Harvard University for three months. Dudley, PMS&T, Loyola University, recently spent a day in the Pentagon, visiting members of the Herd.

We hear that Dave Erskine is now with the C.I.C. Center at Holabird, Maryland; Clyde Eddleman is in the Office, Assistant Chief of Staff G-3 Department of Army and Jesse Traywick is with the 9th Infantry Division, Fort Dix, N. J.

Gil Miller reports that he recently visited McComsey, Tasker and Sullivan, who were carrying on in traditional fashion. Jack Outcault, Manager, Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company, is one of many who feel that the Class luncheon (1st Wednesday of each month) in The Pentagon is a splendid idea. Baldy Bonnett of St. Petersburg, Florida extends a cordial invitation to any member of the Herd who gets down that way to drop in on him. George Pence, now of Birmingham, Michigan, attended the March Class luncheon in The Pentagon, also there was Art Trudeau who is with the Army War College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Hayden Boatner writes in from the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas where he is PMS&T that keeping 4,250 Texas Cadets fenced in and branded takes all his time. Charlie Dasher, Information Officer, Office, Chief, AFF, Fort Monroe says that Red Mead is a rugged opponent on the golf course. Jim McGraw, who retired in July 1949 is an Electronic Consulting Engineer located in El Paso, Texas. A son, Edward Russell McGraw was born to his wife Eleanor W. on the 4th of July 1950.

McLamb informs us that he saw several members of the Herd on his European trip from which he returned in October: Kessinger, Anding and Smythe in London, Buck Lanham in Brussels, Walter Buck in Stockholm, and Bidwell at The Hague.

Gus Regnier, Commanding Officer, Pine Camp, New York, tells us that his son Richard has received a principal appointment to the USMA and expects to enter in July 1951. Word from Campbell Weir indicates that he has a farm in West Chester, Pennsylvania, where only bumper crops reign. Noah Brinson is a man about town in the National Capital and still the same lovable guy. News reaches us from all quarters as to the magnificent job Dick Nugent is doing at USAF Hqs in The Pentagon, and the same fine things are said of Bob Harper, who also has a big voice in the all important training of AF Personnel.

We learn from notes received from Fort Benning that five Bulls are thereabouts.

Hundley, recently from Japan is Infantry Center Management Officer; Eyerly, on Army Field Force Board Number 3; Kreidel, recently reported assigned "Head Cop", formerly with Military Mission in Iran; George Milliner, Director, Weapons Dept TIS. George, Jr. Ex '49, wounded in Korea now on duty as a "TAC" with 1st Officer Candidate at Benning, received Silver Star; Sam Smithers, selling insurance in Columbus, Georgia, and Benning. Sam, Jr. Class '50 with an Infantry Regiment, Korea, awarded Silver Star—now aide to Red Mead, ADC, 3rd Infantry Division. Mary Bruce Mead and "Brick" Moore (wife of Dennis M.) are durating in Columbus, Georgia while Red and Dinty fight the war with the 3rd Infantry Division. Halligan, a manufacturer of electronic and communications equipment has proven himself one of industry's giants. This is attested by "rank" overpayment of dues, since we are positive he is not one year in arrears to say nothing of nine.

We now have proof of additional Bulls with the necessary administrative acumen and uncanny ability for clear thinking to gain recognition. This time we report five brand new one-star Generals: Charles Landon, Director, Statistical Services Hqs USAF; Bill Sexton, Instructor, Command and Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; Howard E. Kessinger, Army Attache, London, England; Sam Conley, Assistant Chief of Staff G-3 European Command; and Monro MacCloskey, Air Attache, Paris, France.

A lot of thought can well be given the tribute to Dick Stephens—Extract from column in "Newsday" (Long Island's largest daily newspaper) quote:

"This view that the American army has gleaned something of enduring military value from the Korea fighting comes from Col. Richard W. Stephens of Pierre, S. D. Stephens is a soldiers' soldier and to me exemplifies the American professional army at its finest. If I had to name the most outstanding combat officer of the Korean campaign it would have to be Stephens.

"Stephens commands a regiment of the 24th Infantry Division. He is blunt, honest, able, courageous and deeply sentimental about his troops. To them in many battles he has seemed more like a quarterback spark-plugging a team play than a distant commander ordering them to their deaths * * * *"

We are closing on a philosophical note, wisdom having emanated from a "regular" guy who signs himself "Eric" and we add that we concur without reservation. He tells us that he comes in contact with many Bulls, some still human, some stuffed shirts full of conceit, but for his money, most of them have the indispensables — health, a sense of proportion, and sense of humor.

—"Ray" Raymond.

1925

Two items of sad news to report. Ray Conder died suddenly in Chicago on March 16. At the time his son, who is a Plebe here, was quarantined in the Post Hospital with measles. Jack Huysoon's wife also died recently after a prolonged illness.

I have been spending most of my time of late working with WSEG in the Pentagon on a problem, and had the good fortune to be there during the March Class luncheon. Passed a sheet around to the sixteen classmates present, to jot down what news they had while we had lunch, and the following resulted: Colby Myers reported his son's, John Allen's appointment to USMA and welcomes his entry in July as a great load off father's mind. Hoppy Hopkins has now been in Washington 8 months. He had to buy a house. His three daughters think the

change from West Point to Washington showed poor parental judgment. Johnnie, E. L., is now in the Pentagon in Plans Division of G-3, after three years in Austria. On a recent trip to Alaska he saw our Big Back Muscle Purdue. George McManus has been in Washington since the summer of 1948 on duty with the Inspector General. He subtly remarks that in this capacity he has had no official dealings with Classmates. Jimmie Barnett was reported in the Pentagon, but afraid to attend the Class luncheon still recollecting his experience at the Reunion last year. Diz Barnes just back from a long trip to Korea ran into Ken Treacy who is Ass't G-4, 8th Army, with a tremendous job keeping the troops supplied. Saw Van Brunt who is a corps chief of staff. Met Bill Gillmore and Pop Harold in Tokyo both enroute to Korea. The three last named are BG's. Jerry Galloway reported long lost Don Bratton as being in Phoenix, Ariz., with the Bureau of Reclamation. John McCormick saw Harry Spillinger at Patrick AFB, Florida. Champlain is in Washington with Operations Research Office, DA. Sam Lansing has been with the Joint Staff in Washington since July '50. Soap Suttles is with the Chief of Transportation specializing with the Motor Transportation Division.

The Class was well covered in a recent issue of the *New York Times*. Bruce Clarke was pictured with a caption "New CO of the 1st Armored Division" at Fort Hood, Texas; he has just returned from duty in Germany. Jerry Kelley's picture was headlined "New Chief of Staff of the State Guard" (with promotion to BG).

Dan Robertson is now a successful contractor in Chicago and is in the AF Reserve. He will come on active duty in May in Chicago as AF representative in charge of construction in that area. Benny Bennett is completing his third year in the Pentagon—one with Public Information and two with G-4. He is right proud of raising what he believes to be the youngest family in the Class, with his youngest now 9 months old. Don't like to disillusion him but rumor has it that Lew Riggins youngest is less than 2 months. Walter Bryte is in Wiesbaden. With the arrival of Bud Hankins the Class contingent there totals four—Joe Denniston and Roger Gardner are the others.

The usual newsy letter from Agnes Toms. Confirms some of the news above. Daddy Dunn and Bill Wood still in Munich; Pepper Clay in Nerdun. Ray is now in Paris. He is a reserve Lt. Col. and anxious to get back on active duty. If you can help him his address is 18 Rue Steffen, Asnieres (Seine), France.

Hoppy Hopkins receives a regular quarterly news letter prepared by a former prisoner of the Japanese and addressed to all of similar status. He believes, and the Washington contingent agrees, that it would be a fine thing to have a similar Class letter which can go into more detail than these notes allow. It is a labor of love; would require much time and correspondence; and is much too great a task for one on active duty. It is hoped that one of our retired classmates who finds time on his hands would care to undertake the project. If so, a note to Col. Armand Hopkins, Office Joint Chiefs of Staff, Washington, D. C. will bring further details.

—V. J. E.

1926

The fascinating data with which this informative column fairly reeks (and to which, may I add, you seldom contribute) is free to all '26 members who have paid their class dues of \$3.00. If any slight administrative adjustment is necessary in your particular case before you read farther, please con-

tact Vald Heiberg at West Point. Autographs are requested.

Assuming, therefore, that you are now in good standing, here's hoping to see you at West Point on June first, or at least at some time between then and June fifth. This 25th Reunion certainly promises to be one for the books. Vald Heiberg, Bob Nourse, Ralph Osborne, and Anky Ankenbrandt have spared no efforts in their preparation for it. We all owe them our thanks, which we hereby tender in advance. The rest of it is up to each one of us. So we'll see you there, young fellow—and young lady.

To bring you up to date on past events, we have to admit that a high point in the Washington winter social swirl was the '26 dinner dance at Fort McNair on January 20. Everyone seemed to consider this a sort of warm-up for the Reunion, so spirits were high and plentiful. Twenty-fifth Reunion?—25th? Well, you can hardly believe it. Casting doubt on that advanced figure, the following families were represented: Ankenbrandt, Baird, Barnes, Bayer, Brusher, Collins, Corderman, DesIslets, Deyo, Elliott, Ennis, Furman, Griffing, Grizzard, Matthias, Maude, Munson, F. P., Nelson, Osborne, Purcell, Stanton, Strickler, Toftoy, Van Meter. We salute Lew Griffing, Bob DesIslets, and Bill Bayer for laying on a superior whing-ding.

In Korea Bill Ennis was the recipient of an Oak Leaf Cluster to his Legion of Merit, presented to him by Gen. Almond, for Bill's outstanding work as Corps Artillery Commander, X Corps. Also, Bill Bowen's 187th Airborne Regimental Combat Team was officially commended by Gen. Almond for its part in destroying the North Korean II Corps in the vicinity of Pung-Gi in January. To the best of our knowledge, the list of '26 representatives in Korea now includes Ennis, Bowen, DeShazo, and Sloan. As you recall, Tommy is the Corps Artillery Commander of the IX Corps, while Charlie has a regiment in the 2nd Division.

Johnnie McFarland is now the military attache to Peru. Other prominent members of the attache clique are Miter in Portugal, Brady in Turkey, and Davidson in Italy. Egon Tausch has been relieved from his duty with G2 in DOA and is now the G2 of the Military District of Washington.

Anky Ankenbrandt continues to be a pillar of the Army Navy Country Club in Virginia, he having been reelected at the recent annual meeting as Vice President and Member of the Board of Governors.

The Air Force game of musical bucket seats goes on, with the latest shift of duties for Morrie Nelson, who is now Director of Requirements of the Air Force, and for Ray Maude, now Commanding General of the 1009th Special Weapons Squadron, at Bolling Field.

During the early days of SHAPE (CINCEUR) (well, alright—Gen. Ike's new command of the European forces of NATO), Bennie Thurston headed a small group of American officers at the Astoria Hotel in Paris, studying and acting upon the many problems incident to the formation of the SHAPE international staff.

Dick McMaster tuned in again on our wave length with a letter from El Paso. He reported having seen the Stanford game last fall between rain drops, and while there he shook wet hands with Tommy White. Dick expects to nail down his Master's degree this summer.

Coke Carter was officially retired on January 27, with an 80% disability. We saw him shortly thereafter, and the only thing that was causing him any worry at all appeared to be the question of just where he should settle down. At the moment, we don't know whether or not he's made up his mind.

Roy Herte has been transferred from his civilian components job in New York City,

and will soon command the 1802d Special Regiment at West Point. Ted Wenzlaff, recently with the Chicago Quartermaster Depot, is now on the staff of the VI Corps, at Camp Atterbury, Ind. Paul Carroll is now reported to be Post QM at Indiantown Gap, Pa.

Pinkey Burns, now a resident of Governors Island, will join us in Washington, on duty in the office of the Chief Chemical Officer, DOA. Herb Ehr Gott is on duty with the Hdqrs, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Base, Dayton, Ohio, where he is involved in reorganization of the Research and Development functions of the Air Force. Jimmy Burwell is now an operations and plans airman in the headquarters of the Continental Air Command, at Mitchel Air Base, Long Island, N. Y. Hal Forde is still on the staff of the War College at Fort Leavenworth, where he is an expert on winter warfare, and writes voluminously on that subject. Harry Grizzard was home on leave from Greece during December and January, visiting his family in Alexandria and occasionally dropping in at the Pentagon.

Several of the Class attended the Founder's Day dinner in New York after having had cocktails with Colonel C. F. H. Johnson. A large group of New York alumni were present and heard some fine talks from the speakers' stand.

Plans are rolling along for a large 25th Reunion. Barracks are available for the wives and daughters while sons, fifteen and older, may stay in Cadet Barracks if they are accompanied by their fathers. Present plans call for a picnic June 2nd, dinner at the Club June 3rd and a dinner at Bear Mountain Inn June 4th. It appears that approximately fifty members of the Class will be on hand with thirty-eight wives and/or daughters. Any of you who have not replied to the questionnaire please do so immediately. If you have not received the questionnaire please write to Bob Nourse at West Point and let him know your present address so one can be sent to you.

—H. P. S. and R. S. N.

1927

The big news—three new generals—Larry Kuter has been recognized and rewarded for the outstanding results he has obtained as Commanding General of MATS and has been promoted to Lieutenant General. Stan Meloy, combat purple heart veteran of Korea, has been made a Brigadier General and is now on duty with the Office of Chief of Information. Bob Sink has been promoted to Brigadier General as Assistant Division Commander, 7th Division in Korea.

Others in Korea: Colonel Whittle, Transportation Officer, I Corps; H. G. Douglas, with an Engineer Regiment in Pusan.

Tullio Segarro is G-4, Southwestern Command, in Japan. Not much word from P. D. Ginder who is M.A. in Czechoslovakia. George Derby is on his way to a big job in foreign parts.

Eddie Glavin, Army, and Orrin Grover, Air Force, are both in the same line of business in Washington—Psychological Warfare. Woody Hocker is back in Washington, assigned by the Army to duty with Air Intelligence. Chuck Stone, Major General, Air Force has been transferred to the Air Staff as Director of Maintenance Supply and Services.

The class had two social events during the winter season—A cocktail party in December at the Gravelly Point Officers Club and a dinner dance at Fort McNair Officers Club on March 3rd. The dinner dance was the best attended function so far. The following were present: Colonel and Mrs. Aloe, Colonel and Mrs. Berrigan, Colonel and Mrs. Burgess, Colonel and Mrs. Collins, Colonel and

Mrs. Duby, Colonel and Mrs. Glavin, Colonel and Mrs. Graybeal, Colonel Hocker, Colonel Holland, Colonel and Mrs. Kilgore, Major General and Mrs. Kuter, Colonel and Mrs. Kyster, Colonel Levings, Colonel and Mrs. Lillard, Colonel and Mrs. Martin, Colonel and Mrs. Matthews, Colonel and Mrs. McGown, Colonel and Mrs. Mechling, Colonel and Mrs. Ostenberg, Colonel and Mrs. Paxon, Colonel and Mrs. Pence, Colonel and Mrs. Theibaud, Colonel and Mrs. Williams, Miss Kay Stanton, and Mrs. William Glasgow.

Glavin, Burgess and Hocker were the committee for this fine affair.

A note of sorrow must be recorded. Johnny Lovell has been reported as missing in action in the Korean theater.

Ed Chamberlain's son and Jim Smyly's son have been reported as killed in action. Our sincere sympathy to their families.

—Edward P. Mechling.

1928

May we thank you people who have responded to our plea for some dope for the column—

Our thanks to Patty Allen for letting us know that Forrest is now in Paris—assigned to SHAPE. Ed Reber dropped us a note from Savanna, Illinois; he has been out there at the Ordnance Depot since leaving West Point last year. Ed told us that Maury Cralle is at Fifth Army Hdqs. and O'Connell is living at Winnetka. Word came through last week that Tommy Wells has left the 6th Armored at Ft. Leonard Wood and is now Chief of Staff of the 5th Inf. at Indiantown Gap. Sam Brentnall was at West Point recently to visit his yearling son and "Bim" Wilson visited his plebe son. Tommy Steed commands the newly activated 4th Air Division at Barksdale A.F.B., La

Verdi Barnes, who has very kindly consented to be our Washington scribe, sends us the following news from there—Last summer, Don Smith, Jack Hiarichs and Verdi Barnes, moved over the Potomac to the Faculty of the NWC, from the Joint Staff. In August the following were ordered to the '50-'51 course; Breckinridge, Coverdale, Fleming, Finnegan, Oakes, and Upham. Attending lectures alongside the above group are the members of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces: Bob Browning, Elp McLemore, and Mac Houseman. Fortunately, this logistical group have innumerable opportunities to cut down the above strategists to size, and are adequately doing so with Ralph Sievers on their faculty.

Dave Traub is doing an admirable job in holding a few '28 ties together and he recently published a list of classmates in the Washington area (which number approximately fifty). His latest effort (but less important one), was scheduling a successful luncheon at the NWC Mess, attended by the majority on the list, including: those mentioned in the two above schools, and: Freddie Dau, Bill Potter, Johnnie Grinstead, Paul Breden, Doug Ludlam, Rober Ramey, Harry Wilson, Tommy Sherburne, Bill Caldwell, Fielding Yost, Benny Shute, Howard Bunker, and Bob Howard.

At the above luncheon, some of the following news was heard: Dave Traub is the proud father of a son, Dave (not Jr.). After congratulations, Dave was warned that he is well below par for Oakes and Scott Riggs, both with four children. Ted Landon has left for Europe recently for an important job. Walt Donald recently retired and is in the local real estate business. Skipper Seeman and Tarrant are holding our fort in Alaska, with Tarrant having a daughter about to graduate from college in the USA. Dunc Somerville is in Florida on a visit in the sun recuperating from a strenuous South American feather merchant tour, away

from his Latin American Branch in the WDGS. Tom Nelson is reported as aiding AFF Hdqrs. in signal problems. Frank Trent and Tom Cody are reported with troops in Korea, chasing Communists. Sam Myers was just about to leave Meade for Camp Roberts for duty with a Corps Hdqrs. Jack Mills is a BG out at Kirkland Field in New Mexico. Tom Counihan is reported at Portland, Oregon, with National Guard or Reserves. Freddie Dau, after transfer to the Air Force a year or so ago, is now a BG in the Pentagon. Howard Bunker has a farm in Virginia. Among others in the Far East: Buck Wiley, Ed Cummings, Freddie Stritzinger, Del Spivey, Buster Briggs, and Middlebrooks. Bill Wyman, returned from Egypt a year ago, is actively engaged with ASA and lives in Bethesda, Maryland.

Web Anderson is sporting a fine suntan acquired on a recent Florida vacation. His strenuous duties as a Father of the Bride, and on the Joint Staff presumably are causes for rest and rehabilitation. Koehler Daley recently left the Joint Staff for duty in Paris, to put SHAPE Hdqrs. on the rails. Stan Mason is reported working himself to death on the Joint Staff and in his wood-working shop. Frank Faulkner is the Hawaiian District Engineer, reportedly sweating out the present emergency. Tommy VanNatta is at Camp Hood. Frank Goodell and Dutch Holley are faculty members at the FA School at Sill. Ramon Nadal is in S. America. Carl Fritsche and Paul Adams are at Ft. Leavenworth, Army War College and C&GSC, respectively. Check Leeds is working for the Ordnance in the Los Angeles District Office. He lives in Pasadena and commutes frequently to New York. Norm Webb is occasionally reported in this area; last seen at the Army-Navy Club. Blondie Saunders is in town briefly last month, and is doing well in the automobile business in his home town. Scott Riggs is in London at an institution of higher learning. Pop Thayer is PMS&T at Boston College.

As had been noted in the last few years, '28 has innumerable Air Force generals in many important positions. Bob Frederick (Major General—Camp Ord) is the sole representative of Ground Force fame. We are proud of the whole gang.

Of real importance and interest to the Pick and SHOVEL Boys—the Class of '28 (Army members) will be considered for a selection list from permanent Lt. Col. to Colonel, this spring. Yea — opportunity comes to all men!

The Association of Graduates would like the following addresses—Brig. Gen. A. R. Maxwell, Col. P. H. Johnston, Col. William R. Currie, Mr. Thomas J. Brennan, Col. G. R. Bienfang, Col. Stephen Reynolds, Jr., Col. Harry Hoeterman, Col. A. W. Schermacher, Col. M. C. Besson, Major C. H. Preenty.

—P. D. C.

1929

The report of Frank Forney's death in action in Korea last December was received too late for inclusion in our January notes. We record it now to inform any of the class who may not have heard about it. We must also note the accidental death of John McKeague at Governors Island in February. John, as most of you know, had joined the service during the war and had remained on active duty since.

Recent visitors to West Point have included Jim Gavin and Roger Browne. Both lectured to cadet formations and both proved to be outstanding spellbinders. Roger reported that Phil Draper, George Keeler, Peewee Merrill, Pat O'Hara and Ed Van Bibber are all in London, his own station, and all are doing well.

On a recent trip to Washington we encountered Paul Freeman, in the US for a short time, before returning to command of his Infantry Regiment in Korea. Paul looks fine, has done an outstanding job over there. It is said he was evacuated because the theater was running short of silver star medals, so many having been awarded to Paul.

Jupe Lindsey is nearing the end of his tour in Washington—something we hate to have happen. Jupe, as any casual reader of this column knows, has been the principal source of its news items. The probable increasing brevity of these notes in future issues will be an index of the fine job he has done for us in the past.

—J. D. F. P.

1930

It is gratifying to be able to announce that the report of MacLean's death in action, printed in the last *Assembly*, was incorrect. The following is quoted from Dora's letter written at Los Angeles on February 26th.

"That first report was erroneous. Four days later, a corrected official report was sent to me and to the Department, stating that due to information received, his status was changed from killed to missing. The first (killed in action) message was dated November 30 and the second, December 2. I stayed in Japan in the hope of receiving more definite news. From eye-witness accounts of officers and men in his outfit, delivered to me personally, he was seen taken prisoner by the Chinese. He was wounded but on his feet when they took him away."

It may be a long and difficult wait for news but '30 joins in assuring Dora that she is not waiting alone. Those of us who knew him best are confident that as long as the MacLean was on his feet, he'll make it.

Fortunately, we had that good news to lead off with because as usual other intelligence is scanty. Herb Mitchell called from the port a week or so ago, just before catching his boat for Panama. Fritz Weber has been in the Argentine. Fritz coached the Pentathlon team to the team championship at the Pan-American Olympics, his best boy finishing second and all placing well up. Our probably most active surviving member then moved over to compete in the fencing run-offs, coming home with the gold medal in sabre and the silver job in the epee, signifying first and second place, respectively. He admits he felt fairly healthy, at the time. Fritz has plainly discovered something even more efficacious than Wood's ubiquitous monkey glands. We might be able to get his diet for inclusion in the next bulletin now being prepared by Stone.

Being temporarily out of range of Wood's mordant witticisms on the subject, it may be safe to report that Samuel, Jr. (Mary thinks his name is Guy) was born at the Station Hospital on March 21st.

Weber said that he saw Chris Clarke in Buenos, enjoying life as military attache; and that winds it up for this edition.

—Emery.

1931

June Week and the 20th reunion—that is the subject for discussion today. Although a card bearing information of June Week has gone out to each of you to the best address I have recorded, the general plans will be outlined again. Here is a resume for you critics.

Jake Smart, Krueger, and I, plus several wives, and Pat Coyle are going ahead with plans in spite of the fluid and uncertain sit-

uation. The various jobs have been delegated and each of the above is hard at work on his particular job.

Sandwiched into the always full June Week schedule is a dinner party and dancing at Bear Mountain Inn on Saturday, June 2. On Sunday evening you will have a chance to visit Round Pond for an informal visit with the mosquitos, the chiggers, nature and the many other pleasantries which this rendezvous offers. However there will be plenty of food, etc., to bring back the most fond memories. Monday is "Old Grads" day and Graduation Parade. It is so full already that we decided not to schedule anything, but reserve it for informal get-togethers, and rest and recuperation. And so you have it—or have had it.

Time, space, distance, and members being where they are, the idea of a 20th year publication was turned over to the Washington group for their consideration and appropriate action, if they so desired to take any. To date of the writing of this, March 17, I have had no information as to their plans.

A word about billets seems in order. Barracks, through the usual plan as established by the Association of Graduates and the USMA June Week Committee, will be available for the "Old Grads". They usually contact each graduate for the necessary information—but in case they miss you let me know your plans.

For the distaff side of the family there is a crisis. Wives are always welcome; we are delighted to have them at all parties, and hope that as many as possible will come. However each member must bear in mind that there is no assurance any billets will be available either at Camp Buckner or at Stewart Field on a dormitory basis, as was the case last year. The emergency and expansion have definitely limited the facilities, so any wives attending cannot be assured a place to stay but will have to make their own arrangements. As much as we would like to do so our committee cannot undertake to secure civilian reservations. It must remain an individual affair. We regret this but have no other alternative.

To finance our plans we suggest each of you come well-heeled. Upon arrival, and as he registers, each member will be assessed a flat sum to cover the estimated expenses of the two parties, food, and refreshments. This will be kept to a minimum and what little is left over I suggest should go into the class fund. Each of you can help us in the planning and in the reduction of expenses if you let us know ahead of time whether or not you will come. A fairly accurate estimate of the number to be present will be reflected in the individual cost. We want to know your plans as soon as possible.

As a matter of interest the twenty-five classmates at Leavenworth are well organized and are working out plans for mass attendance—if their preliminary plans as now presented materialize. And now for what news that time and space permit.

Sleepy Semple was the only other member of our class present at the West Point Society of New York dinner, commemorating the founding of West Point, at the Hotel Astor.

From Leavenworth comes word that the Leo Cathers had twin girls a short time ago. Maybe some of you are not "Old Grads" after all.

Dave Hutchison, who has been at Biggs Air Force Base, has been named C.O. at Forbes Air Force Base at Topeka, Kansas. I suggest the mid western group contact him to see if he is coming east.

General Jack Gordon, from his home in San Antonio, has written the news of that area as well as sending a most generous contribution to the class fund in celebration of the 20th reunion. He sees Johnnie Feagin frequently and reports that Feagin's pet

hobby is "getting up at 4 a.m. every day and developing a marketable scheme for youngsters to see with their little eyes the private lives of seeds growing to roots and plants". In addition to this he reports that John is physically fit and itching to get back to active duty. John Skeldon lives there too and is pretty busy with his six children. He says they make up for any noise he might want to make. Jack Gordon is in the investment business, planning and executing investments for individuals, estates, and institutions, and designing retirement plans. I believe he should join us in June. Maybe some of us could use his advice.

From Washington comes word that Joe Dickey and Quinnie Brown are in France with SHAPE. Ernie Easterbrook, with Nancy, was here for the RMC game which, incidentally, West Point won 4 to 2. We had a nice visit with them and wish that it were possible for more of the Class to drop by from time to time. Howard Reed's son is at nearby Stewart Field at the West Point Prep School, working to come in in July. As yet I have not heard the outcome of his examinations.

Space limitation prevents more news. We are looking forward to seeing a large turnout in June. Spread the word around and let us know your plans.

—John K. Waters.

1932

The Leavenworth contingent of '32, Don Roth reports, had a get-together in the Hunt Lodge there, calling it the "Gathering of the USMA 1932 Clan". Lou Coutts, Charlie D'Orsa, and Pop Duncan performed yeoman service in arranging for the evening's festivities, which were attended by all of the clan, save Duke and Pat Ondrick, who couldn't make it because Pat was "sick in quarters". Don sent along some pictures of the gathering. (See cuts.)

Don reports no reassignment orders have been received there yet. If the War College crowd, and Bill Massello, Bugs Cairns, Ed Rowan, and Bill Spurgin, who have served their hitch at Leavenworth, all receive orders as anticipated, Ed Shinkle and Don will be the only '32 representatives there next year. Bill Spurgin had a letter from Johnny Gavin, who commands a regiment in Korea; each classmate at Leavenworth added a short note to Bill's reply to Johnny—a wonderful gesture, and I'm sure that every other class-

mate mentally adds a note to that reply—the best of everything, Johnny!

Lou and Mary Coutts' friends—the whole class, that is—will be pleased to know that they are the proud parents of a son. Young Jamie could not have made a better choice of parents—Congratulations, Lou and Mary! Doing things in the typical Coutts fashion, Lou and Mary also adopted a youngster in December.

Speaking of children, Don suggests that some preliminary thinking is probably in order now on what should be done for any sons of '32 who graduate from USMA. I know the idea sounds pretty much in the future, but two sons of members of '31 entered the Academy last July, and Stan Stewart's son Terry, who is the class god-son, was reported, at one time, to have an excellent chance of entering at that time. Perhaps he, or others, may be entering this July. In any event, if you have any ideas on the matter, send them along.

Joe Kelly has been nominated for Brigadier General—Congratulations Joe!

Charlie Baer, scribe for the Washington group, reports that a festive time was had by all at a dinner-dance of the class at the Army-Navy Country Club on March 10. Other social events planned include a luncheon at the Naval Gun Factory on April 11, and a Cocktail Buffet at Fort L. J. McNair on 27 April, both in conjunction with USNA '32. Don Hardy is a patient in the Bolling AFB Hospital and would enjoy visitors.

Even though Ken Zitzman has shifted his base of operations from Washington to SHAPE, he sends along the following commentary on life in gay Páree:

"I observe with chagrin that even if I take full advantage of the 6-hours time differential, I'm about to miss another deadline unless I pay 30c a word for cable rates. While I've frequently been offered 30c a word not to send in one of these idylls of the banal, no one has ever reversed the offer, so air-mail it is, and let the quips fall where they may.

"To orient you and establish another bizarre B-ache for being late, I arrived by air at this polyglot Pentagon in early January, and inasmuch as I had the customary six days' advance notice for permanent change of station, Patty again drew the inconsequential details of storing the furniture, renting the house and moving the remainder of the personnel to France. Since the local housing situation makes war-time Washington look like a ghost town by comparison, I am writing this in a hotel suite of which one room is occupied by Patty and

me, and the other by Kay and a king-size case of measles.

"Before departing les Etats-Unis, however, we got the cheery news that Harley and Sis Trice have now completed their backfield with the arrival of a young fullback named Jamie.

"Which reminds me that it is also my painful duty to state that we spent the weekend of December 2-3 in Philadelphia, where we encountered lots of good company of all three armed services, but saw little of interest to report on Saturday afternoon. On the other hand, if any of the loyal opposition would like to pick a number from 1951 to 1960, I'll be glad to give them 8 to 5; any odds, in fact, except 14-2.

"As of this writing, we have three classmates in the general vicinity. Bill Mikkelson, former RCT commander and shooting soldier cum laude of the Italian campaign, is at Orleans. Buck Thielen, who is equally well acquainted with postwar Europe, is in the Logistics Division of SHAPE, and Ed Suarez has carried coals to Newcastle by bringing lovely Delphine to lovely Paris.

"We're all attending the much advertised French classes incidentally, and they're beginning to have a salutary effect on all concerned. Charlie Fell ('34) refers to himself as M. Tombé, Patty is passing the word around that I'm a direct descendant of one of the original gargoyles of Notre Dame, and Dodd Starbird ('33) now boasts that he is illiterate in four languages.

"But it's the class of '31 that remains the thorn in my side, as it has ever since the sunny day in July when Curt Herrick first urged me to snuggle my chin back against my medulla oblongata. This time the prime source of trouble is Joe Dickey with the unwitting assistance of Virginia, who came over on the same boat as Pat. Since our older gal is continuing on in boarding school, I have told inquiring friends that my local family would consist of only Pat and Kay. I became increasingly concerned as transport day approached, however, to find that Americans were greeting me with knowing leers and asking me if I had leased the Versailles caserne for quarters. Frenchmen clucked admiringly and murmured 'C'est tres formidable'.

"The reason was obvious when I finally saw the copy of the Stars & Stripes which carried the passenger list. Dependents were listed by giving the last name of the officer in all capital letters, followed by the first names of the dependents in lower case. Mine was no exception. In its proper alphabetical order was ZITZMAN (all caps) follow-



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Bigelows, D'Orsas, Duncans, Rowans, Smiths, Cochrans, Fishers, Lyons, McFeelys, Massellos, Beachs, and Mellnicks.

ed by the names of my little brood (all in lower case): Pat, Kay, Dickey, Virginia, Charles and James. Come here, Dickey-boy, and see what Daddy has for you!"

Charlie Baer sends in a letter on doings in the Washington area:

"For the time being the Pentagon is now safe from having a paid Boswell in the form of Ken Zitzman. He along with Ed Suarez and Buck Thielen, has departed for Paris and Eisenhower's SHAPE organization. The left bank of the Seine now will have to substitute for the left bank of the Potomac for the next few years for them.

"This job of being Secretary of the Washington Contingent '32, certainly has its interesting moments when you try to figure out class action or reaction to events social. I suppose we have a typical cross section of the class on duty here in Washington for in it we have those who are still snakes (but with wives now); hermits (or I should say clams insofar as ye Secretary is concerned for they answer not his most friendly appeals); those who are having the battle of health, themselves or within the family; and those who are the ardent supporters of all of our class functions whenever it is humanly possible to do so. So much for my philosophical musing.

"Of the 185 of us still on active duty there are 56 of us right here in Washington, 24 of our class contribution of 47 to the Air Force are included in the 56. We also carry on our roster—Bill Powers with the Norfolk District Engineers Office, Tony Steele, at AFF, Fort Monroe and Bill Smith with the Division Engineer's Office in New York City. Before I close off on the roster, I want to report that Mary Cain now works in the Pentagon in Danny Campbell's office, and is a very welcome member at our get-togethers. Also, if any of the class wants a roster of those of us who are in the Washington area, complete with wives' names (where applicable), assignment, home address, and home telephone number, I'll be only too glad to furnish same upon request. I can be reached via the JCS and the Pentagon.

"Ernie Powel passed through D. C. last week and advised me that he was enroute from the Military Mission in Chile to Keesler Field, Mississippi, where he expects to be Deputy Commander. Also saw Tod Slade on some TDY in the Pentagon and away from his Military Mission job in Mexico City. Both are in fine spirits and Ernie is still the prize bachelor of our class.

"We all may be getting old, but the years

still are not stopping us from adding to the class. On December 22, Marjory Ann Ackerman joined John and Faith Ackerman and on March 7, Margaret Laura joined John Abner and Peggy Meeks.

"Don Hardy is just about ready to break out of Bolling AFB Hospital after a session with the Docs concerning his heart. Pete Hinshaw has become a soldier again, having swapped his AGD job for the G-1 assignment with the VI Corps at Camp Atterbury, Indiana. Mike and Arminda Riley are both looking fine and advise that their farm at Star Route No. 2, Culpeper, Va. (6½ miles south of Culpeper on U.S. No. 29) is a delightful place to visit and that they will indoctrinate all of us who will visit them with the latest dairy and chicken farming technique as practiced on the Riley Ranch. Vi Gavin, who is here in Washington, reports that Johnny now has an Infantry Regiment in the 7th Division and is still trying to figure out how you start a foreign service tour in Panama and finish it in Korea.

"My young son, who graduates from high school this June, has just asked me to help him solve one of those Algebra problems involving 3 unknowns. With me in the picture, the problem now has four unknowns, and with that thought I'll leave you for this time".

—E. J. B.

1933

Billy Harris writes that he loaned Pete Clainos his *Lucky Star* and that same night Pete's CP was overrun. After the counter-attack it was discovered that among the missing items was that literary masterpiece by Gray and Hurlbut. The Commies must be spinning their wheels trying to interpret same! Pete stayed in action for 18 hours with a painful leg wound received in a mine explosion while leading the lead tank around a disabled Red tank. As a result of this action, his unit encircled a large number of Reds in a trap which facilitated the joining up of two Cav Regts with 3,000 NOKS in between. A recent N. Y. *Times* carried an excellent picture of Billy as C.O. of a Cav Rgt with the caption "Wild Bill". Billy also reported Tom Moorman and T. B. Hall as flying high cover for the operation. The latter is reported as missing, and knowing Tom, we expect him to show up on foot one of these days.

Washington must make room for another native Missourian; Hurly departs West Point about May 1 for duty as Chief of the Organization and Training Division, Office of the Chief of Ordnance. Johnny Cleveland and Dave Gray are due to leave West Point this June, assignment as yet unknown. Carl Darnell departed in February to join the VI Corps Arty at Fort Sill. George Van Way is due to arrive soon to be G-4.

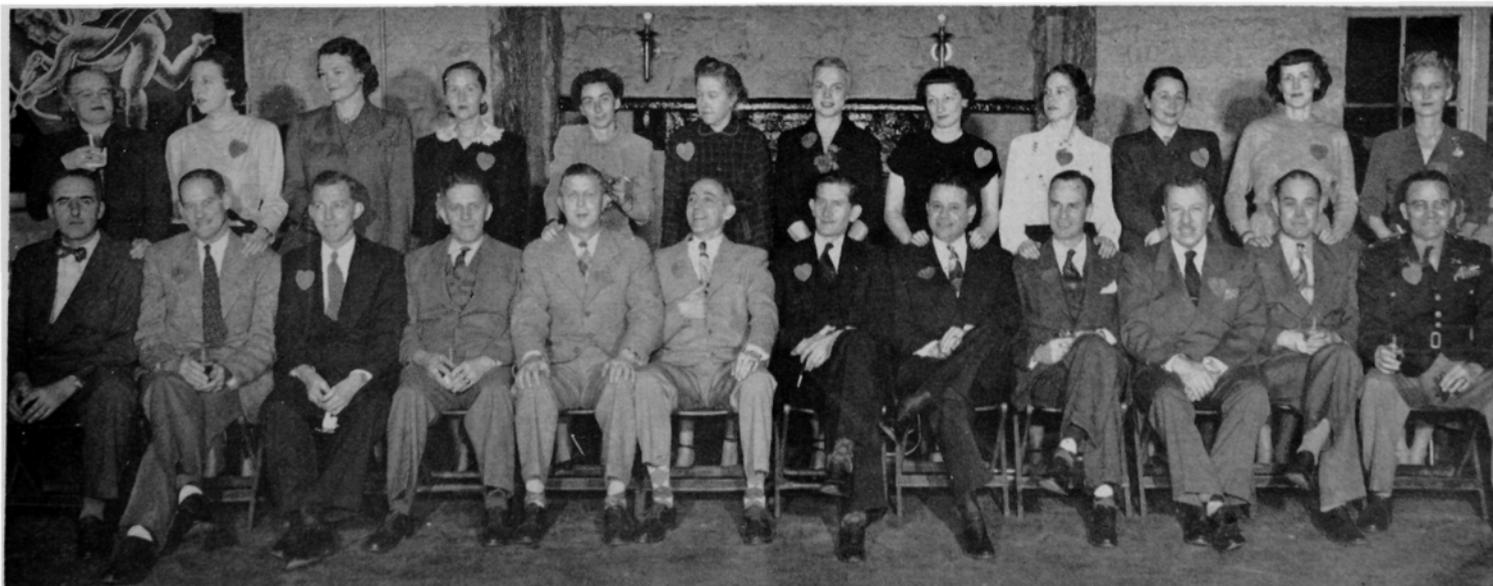
Jim Boswell comes through with the latest on classmates in Korea. He is commanding an Inf Regt. "Johnny" Johnson holds down G-3 of I Corps. Bob Blanchard has taken over a Cav Regt. Bing Downing is Div Arty Exec, 3rd Inf Div. Shades of the Wild West—Bill Quinn, now known as "Buffalo Bill", rides herd on an Inf Regt (following a successful tour as G-2 of X Corps). Jimmy Polk took over the G-2 spot in X Corps and no doubt will produce as accurate predictions as Bill Quinn.

Bob Neeley commanded a FA Bn in Korea and returned this February to join VII Corps Arty at Fort Campbell. Posie remains in Highland Falls until the school year is finished. Bob visited West Point and gave fine lectures to the First Class and on the local I&E programs.

Army orders show Tom Kilday transferred to 101st Airborne; Maurice Kaiser to 16th Armd Cav Gp, Camp Cooke, Calif.; George Beeler to III Corps Arty, Fort Lewis; Paul LaDue to III Corps Camp Roberts; Bob Franklin to Special Weapons, Sandia Base; and Earl Macherey and Ira Cory to A.F.F. Fort Monroe.

From 5836 S.W. 25th St., Coral Gables, Fla., Bruce and Ruth Scott proudly announce the birth of a baby girl. Bruce says that if we had read the Army Register we would have found that he retired for P.D. February 1947. Guest house and hospitality are awaiting classmates passing through.

The local Highland Falls paper announces the birth of a daughter to the Bernards, now stationed in Heidelberg. Guy Lothrop is due to move with the Armed Forces Info School to Fort Slocum this April. Ed Herb states he is enjoying his work at District Engineer Office, Tulsa, Okla. (P.O. Box 61). A winter issue of *Life* shows Swede Larsen producing smog in Los Angeles. His name doesn't appear but he is easily recognizable in a greenhouse type building. Bear Eyler drops in once a month after stocking up at the local commissary. Bob Montgomery (a faithful correspondent) is deputy Chief of Staff to Gen. LeMay at S.A.C., OFFUTT, AFB, Omaha, Nebraska. A second son has arrived since last edition.



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Keatings, Murrays, Bruckers, Means', Shinkles, Webers, Gilmers, Spurgins, Cairns', Coutts', Roths, and Sundts.

When General Eisenhower passed through Ramey AFB, Puerto Rico, Dick King and Rosey Grubbs were on hand to greet him. Dick Meyer is knee deep in Transportation Research and Development at Fort Eustis. When last heard of Ray Corum and Bill Given were at Fort Monmouth.

Classmate Kinsolving was guest speaker at the Cadet Chapel during February. While he was here the local contingent entertained him and Mrs. Kinsolving at a "Tea", where reminiscing was a small part of the program. While still stationed at Biggs Field, Texas, Dick Montgomery had the privilege of turning out a V.I.P. welcome to the Bishop, who is a two star man in his league. The Bishop's House, 110 W. Roosevelt St., Phoenix, Ariz. extends a cordial invitation to all classmates.

Dick (R.J.) Meyer reports having had dinner at Ft. Bliss with the Richeys, Turners, Jimmy Polk's wife, and Gordon Bartlett, who was evacuated from Korea with a busted ankle. No wonder "Task Force Bartlett" disappeared from the news reports. Sid Giffin brings us up to date from Hq USAFE, Wiesbaden, Germany. The February Class AFSC, Norfolk was due to have the following '33 representatives, Cahill, Damon, Frame, Leydecker, Porter, G. V., Whipple, Brindley, and Fuqua. From Norfolk we spotted orders on Honeycutt to VIII Corps Fort Campbell, and Merriam to 7th Armd Div, Camp Roberts.

A December letter from Johnny Johnson (then C.O. of a Cav Regt in Korea) pin points Fran Hill as being with the Eighth Army. Johnny's wife Dorothy and youngsters are at 72 Morton Rd., Wellesley, Mass. Neil Wallace's December letter from Korea gave us dope on all classmates in the area, since brought up to date by Boswell's epistle. He couldn't say enough for Bill Quinn's prognostications as a Corps G-2.

The Washington gang had a shindig at Ft. McNair in February with Pete Bellican as master of ceremonies. Bev and Lib Jones recently became the proud parents of a daughter. Bob Bayne inquires from Ecuador "Do they still have laundry spikes?" Yes, both varieties. Bob Rayburn, one of the more recent converts from bachelorhood, married while in Tokyo in '49 and is now the Exec O.R.C. Inst. Gp, Denver, Colo. Gabe Disosway picked up a star for a Xmas present and is serving as Chief of Training Div, DCS/Personnel Hq, USAF. Jake Messersmith took a month's leave during February and returned from Calif. with his bride Dotty Rogers.

—Harlow Miles.

1934

At the end of February Jack Seaman wrote from Leavenworth, relating class activities there in the past couple of months. Jerry Higgins had been out there from Bragg in January to address the Command and General Staff College and the War College on the subject of tactical air support. A couple of weeks later a "Commandants Conference" was held at Leavenworth, attended by Higgins, Charlie Revie from Sill, Sandy McPherson from Benning, and Bill Tank from the Transportation School. At the time this is being written Dede Simenson is scheduled to address the Army War College on March 23 on "Strategic Counter-intelligence". As for the local Leavenworth representatives of the class, rumor has it that Manlove, Williams, and Weber will stay another year at the C&GSC. Tyson is due for reassignment, having completed a hitch of more than four years at the educational institution. Andrae is due to move to Carlisle Barracks with the War College. Jack Seaman himself and Johnnie Darrah were

sweating out their assignments at the time of writing.

The current class at the AFSC includes Foote, Mossman, Norvell, and Lou Walsh. Bob MacDonnell reports gleaming the following from the *Air University Quarterly Review*: Dale Smith is at Stanford, and Moseley is with the American Military Mission in Turkey. Smith had the prize editorial in the *Review*, called "National Schizophrenia" (Wow!) We have a new general officer in the class in the person of Chuck Bondley, whose appointment to BG was announced in the various service journals in December. He was Chief of Staff, 15th Air Force, March AFB at that time. Congratulations from us all, Chuck!

Lee Miller writes that, after finishing the AFSC in January, he went to California on a month's leave and then returned to Washington to work in G-2. Jerry Blair paid a flying visit to West Point on February 24. He reported the following: The Bob Adams', in Germany, have recently added a new member to their family (details uncertain!). Dick Legg is a Wing CO in Germany. Blair himself recently made a trip to the Middle and Far East.

Salve Gerhart reports that George is CO of an Airborne Infantry Regiment in Korea and that he was promoted to colonel on January 25. Congratulations, George! We all envy you your command. Salve and the girls—Harryette, 15, and Anne, 8—are now living with an aunt in a 23-room house in Chestertown, Maryland (Box 456).

Paul Turner wrote in January that the winter was about to get him down, even down there in Gainesville, Georgia. The temperature had dipped to 2 above in November! After getting all set to attend the Navy game, with hotel reservations, tickets and the like all arranged for, Paul came down with the mumps and had to stay home. He doesn't recommend that particular malady for anybody "old enough to be in '34". To quote him: "They hurt!"

Cy Betts, who appears to be something of a traveling salesman, crashed through with letters in December and January, telling about his junkets. In Europe, in November, he lunched with Frank Caufield in London. In Heidelberg he called up Ted Bilbo, but the two of them never did succeed in getting together. He did see Dick Legg briefly. In Rome Cy missed Paul Hanley, off on a trip of his own, but did get in a good visit with Charlie Johnson, who reportedly rattles off Italian with a fine South Carolina accent. He also talked to Stan Brown by phone in Hanau. Cy, too, gave a lecture at Leavenworth in January. (It appears to be a habit for '34ers!) At that time he had a chance to see most of the Leavenworth gang mentioned above.

Jack Stanley, on finishing the course at Norfolk in January, was assigned to G-3 in Washington. Incidentally, some of you may have noticed in the January issue of *Assembly* a book report on Jack's latest publication, "Cadet Derry, West Pointer". The reviewer, Colonel Morton, Librarian of the Military Academy, states: ". . . the book possesses three rare qualities . . . credibility, accuracy and authority. There is a noticeable lack of 'corn' . . ." Need we say more? It's obviously a good book, and we hope it will go like hotcakes. Another '34 author, or rather authoress, is Margery Brown, wife of Travis. Several months ago she had a short story published in the *Saturday Evening Post*, and she is now about to publish a non-fiction book on Japan.

Charlie Brown, who finished AFSC in January, was seen briefly at West Point before embarking for EUCOM. Bey Arosemena recently came up from Panama to put his oldest daughter in Briarcliff Manor School. He is reported as being a big business man. Edmundo Valdez, too, made his way back

to West Point during the winter, for the first time since graduation. He said that lots of things around the old place looked new to him. He is a sugar engineer in Ecuador. Address: Box 156, Guayaquil, Ecuador.

According to the latest report, E. O. Davis is in Korea. Ken Kenerick, stationed at Fort Bliss, was liaison officer between the post and the city of El Paso for the annual "Sun Festival" held in the latter place at New Year's. Tom O'Neil was called back from Korea in February because of the critical illness of his mother. We haven't yet heard if he has returned to the 3d Division. Hal Edson, who was mentioned in our last as ordered to Fort Douglas, was actually with his family in Salt Lake City at Christmas. We haven't heard what his present assignment is.

Our apologies to Arno Luehman for not including him with Bill Stone last time as one of our representatives at the NWC. We have just seen orders relieving Bob Kyser from a school detail under First Army and assigning him to Europe. One Sunday last February, Arthur Kinsolving, whom we knew as Chaplain, USMA, returned to preach the sermon at the Sunday morning service. He is now Bishop of Arizona, and we are happy to report that he has lost none of the fire and zip which were so characteristic of him those many, many years ago!

Bob Finkenaur wrote from Germany in March, saying that he is now an old hand at organizing AA battalions. His address: Hq 62d AAA AW Bn, APO 154, c/o Postmaster, New York. Bob McKinnon also crashed through with a letter in March, with the information that he is PMS&T at Northwestern Military and Naval Academy, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. He left Yokohama last June 21st, missing the Korean affair by 3½ days. At the recent West Point dinner in Chicago he saw McMahon, now finishing up a 3-year tour as PMS&T at Marmion Military Academy, Aurora, Illinois; and Ike Walton, who is in the Retail Department of Sears, Roebuck. Hillis was also supposed to be there, but didn't make it. Bob says that he intends to visit USMA this summer to pick up a few pointers on running his cadet corps.

That's about it. If you are transferred between now and next summer, let us know about it. If you aren't, let us know about somebody who is (and include a little info on yourself, too!)

—W. J. R.

1935

The most outstanding news is quoted from the Army-Navy-Air Force Journal, March 17, page 793 as follows: "To be temporary Brigadier General—Col. Leighton I. Davis, Commandant, USAF Inst. of Tech., Air Univ., Wright-Patterson AFB". I am sure that the undersigned speaks for the entire class in saying that it couldn't have happened to a nicer guy. Our heartiest congratulations, Lee!

Don Phelan has turned over reams of poop from the four corners of the world—so if you will stay with me, I'll take you on a Cook's tour of the '35 gang as reported in these past few months.

First of all, overseas to Far East Command—letters have come in from Tom Gillis, Zig Zeigler, and Somers Dick. Somers sent along a clipping from Stars and Stripes about Ed Treacy who is now missing in action. I quote in part from the clipping: "The 5th Cavalry GI's who survived the bloody cavalry dash to the rescue of the surrounded garrison at Chipyeong on February 15 have petitioned for the award of the Congressional Medal of Honor to their battalion commander, Lt. Col. Edgar J. Treacy.

In an hour of hell, while Chinese lining the road poured machine-gun and rifle fire into the column, Treacy sustained a slight face wound but refused the safety of a tank's interior to fight beside his exposed infantrymen. Out of the confused memory of the battle, his men remember seeing the colonel manning a tank machine-gun, picking off Chinese with his M-1 rifle, dashing under fire from squad to squad to hold his outnumbered force together, administering first aid, and carrying wounded men on his back to safety. Capt. John C. Barrett, a company commander, stated that Col. Treacy is the best that America can produce. He always puts the interests of the men first. He never sacrificed the life of a single man by a tactical blunder or a snap decision".

Tom Gillis' wife is now at 1436 E. Park Place, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Aaron Tyer had a big write-up in the Air Force Times, January 13, telling all about the superb job being done by his outfit, 49th Fighter-Bomber Wing.

From Turkey, Art Frye writes that he is enjoying his tour there very much and that he considers that it is a mighty fine assignment. His frau, with two maids and a yard man, seconds the motion. Their address is: TUSEG, APO 206-A, c/o PM, New York.

Orin "Deke" Moore is Deputy Director of Intelligence, USAFE, at Wiesbaden. He mentions seeing Hart Caughey and Hugh Exton occasionally. Which reminds me, congratulations are in order to the Extons on the arrival of a daughter not so long ago. And while we're passing out bouquets, let's add one more for Alice and Jack Williamson who had another boy here at West Point recently. Before I leave the overseas contingents, Orin Moore's address is Dir/Int, Hq USAFE, APO 633, c/o PM, New York.

Now for the home front—Fickel sends a note from Dayton to say that he, Kent Parrot, and J. Van G. Wilson are all at Wright-Patterson. Letters from Paul Bryer, Ducky Farnsworth, and Rob Booth at Benning give the following info: John Wright, Brad Means, and Paul are all slated for overseas soon. Milt Taylor expects to be with the Weapons Dept. another year. Russ Smith and Sailor Hawkins are Execs of regiments in the 4th Div. Incidentally, Hawkins has sent a note giving his family's interim address as Box 721, Crestline, Cal. Ducky Farnsworth is attending the Adv. Course prior to overseas. Jimmy Adams is with the Ranger Training Center. John Dilley passed through enroute to his new job as PMS&T at Georgia MA.

The Fort Bragg mail discloses the dope that '35 is represented there by Rohde, Charlie Rich, and Sandy Horstman. George Jones writes that he had been to Bragg for a weekend with Charley and Betty Rich and that Charlie is now G-3, 82d Abn Div. George also adds that at AFSC, Norfolk, one can find among the teachers Gloriod, Wheeler, and Chaffin. Bud Russ, Tommy Wildes, and Ellerson are students.

The Washington contingent crashed through with volumes from the following: Moose Stillman, Mrs. Jim Totten, Jo Bassitt, Gib Sherrard, Bud Schlanser, Penn Wollaston, Kelly, B. M., Bill Proctor, and Dave Stone. Here's a resume of their letters and notes:—Wollaston is with Army Security Agency. Burmis Kelly saw Duke McEntee, Bob Hardy, Don Pratt, Tommy Lawlor, and Dave Gregg at the Stanford game last fall. Kelly says that he is with Joint Task Force Three, which we read of in the papers these days making a big noise near Eniwetok. Buck has gone to Cal. to head a Fighter Group. His address is Hq 116th Ftr Bomber Wing, George AFB, Victorville, Cal. Jack

Hickman may be reached at Hq Continental Div, MATS, Kelly AFB, San Antonio. Aaron Tyer—Hq 5th AF, APO 710, c/o PM, SF. J. K. Brown is instructing at National War College and Bernie Waterman does likewise at the Industrial College. Glen Thompson, recently out of a long illness at Walter Reed, has joined the Munitions Board. Practically all of the Capital highlights mention two points. First, that Moon Ferris just called up or that Moon Ferris is organizing another class party. And secondly, that Moon Ferris engineered a beaut of a shindig for the '35ers not so long ago. Strangely enough, no one gave any recap on headaches, hangovers, qts. of Old Stagger consumed, etc. At any rate, a hearty vote of thanks to you, Moon for being responsible for so much poop from the Pentagon and environs. I understand that Gib Sherrard has been transferred to Brooke AMC.

FLASH * FLASH * FLASH * — Autry Maroun writes from his PMS&T job at St. Norbert College, West de Pere, Wisconsin and I quote him: "I have finally thrown in the sponge and will be married—probably in June — no definite date as yet — I am at the stage now most of you were fifteen years ago—Will let you know more details as the situation develops—" Congratulations, Autry, to both you and Amy.

Al Foreman writes that he is still touring the world for the IG. Has seen Eric Ramee at Fort Sam (Hq Fourth Army) and Frank Harrison '37 (ex-'35) who had just heard that Ben Heckemeyer is now Exec of John Throckmorton's Regt. Clarence Bidgood says that he is hard at work in the District Engineer's Office in Louisville. Frances Murphy says that John (DJ) is Chief of Research Lab at Frankford Arsenal, Philly.

From Monroe, Gene Walter notifies us that Rube Tucker is Exec of the G-3 Section while Freddy Cummings handles armored vehicles development. Bob Coughlin (ex-'35) is there in G-1. Pop Goode is deputy post commander. George Oglesby sends along a letter from Edgewood Arsenal informing us of the death of Edgar A. Clarke as mentioned in the "Last Roll Call" in the January Assembly. Although we who had seen Edgar here last June Week felt he was ailing physically, the news of his death came as quite a shock. We have received no details. Barry Borden is still at Columbia. Red Miner is now G-3, 11th Abn Div. Joe Stancock at 7220 E. 4th Ave., Denver, says "... all '35ers going east or west are ordered to stop by or else. We are right outside the base (Lowry AFB)". Ben Hawes writes from Maceo, Kentucky, that he has seen Clarence Bidgood in action in one of his "public hearings" re such matters as a highway bridge over the Ohio River. Tiger Beall is a student at the Air War College at Maxwell. Ken Bergquist has recently transferred with Hq ADC to Ent AFB, Colorado Springs. John Parker has just come back from a month's school at Big Delta, Alaska. Charlie Leonard was here at WP on leave and attended our February class luncheon—he has since gone on to Washington. He gives Sammy Griffin's address as G-4 Sec, FEC, APO 500, SF. Stu Fries and Frank Fiore both wrote from Knox. Both expect to stay on there for awhile. Frank writes that Jack Davis will be with 1st Armd Div, Camp Hood.

Thus far, request for assessment made thru medium of "More Yet" has resulted in 52 responses of which about half crashed through with two bucks. No response has been received re organizing local units as set forth in minutes of last June's class meeting. How about it?—before this Board of Trustees has to start selecting "volunteers"! Still need at least 20 more checks to pay for our 15 year book—are you one of those 20?

—Kip Boys.

1936

We of the Class of '36 are mighty proud that our first Ground Forces officer has been recommended for promotion to Brigadier General—Mike Michaelis has done himself proud since the first days of Korea and has justly earned the job of Assistant Division Commander, 25th Division.

From the latest word, in answer to our query concerning June Week plans, the following are also in Korea: Jack Chiles was G-3 Tenth Corps and is now CO of an Inf. Regt., 2d Div; Bob Ferguson in G-2, Eighth Army; Bill Sibert in G-4, Eighth Army; Pete Garland in G-3, Eighth Army; T. C. Rogers with Fifth Air Force; Vic Wagner also with Fifth Air Force; Dave McCoach is struggling with road maintenance; Bill Ryder was also in G-3 Tenth Corps but is now back in Japan.

Bob O'Brien is Army Attache, in Romania; Giles Gillespie is Air Attache, Melbourne, Australia; Johnny Jakle is with the Joint Brazil-U.S. Military Commission, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. *

The following are still present and accounted for at USMA: Red Holton, Johnny Heintges, Cecil Spann, Van Sutherland, Dan McElheny, Dud Hartman, Edgar Thompson, Tet Tetley, and yours truly, Jim Billy. The Thompsons had their first, a boy, Andrew Wiley, December 14th. The McElhenys adopted a son, Bruce Daniel, on January 3rd.

Rudy and Betty Ganns have just departed for Camp Carson, Colorado. We are going to miss them and we wish them the best of luck. They certainly did a bang-up job as secretary and assistant secretary for one tour while here and were continuously active in '36 affairs. Ed Thompson has taken over Rudy's job as head of the Entertainment Committee.

FIFTEENTH REUNION NEWS—We are a bit confused and at a loss as to the number of you who intend to return for the Fifteenth Reunion. You are all aware that we must know the numbers in order to plan properly. Therefore, please reply promptly in answering the query which will be sent you on a prepared card in the near future. For your information, the Committee here at the Military Academy is planning a luncheon for the ladies, a cocktail party, a dance, and other entertainment to keep you in a spirit of celebration during the Reunion. Please check the individual questions and don't return the card with just your signature, as some 50% of you did on the previous card mailed you by Johnny Heintges.

Tiger Janof handed me the following note on a recent trip to the Pentagon: "Two officers from '36 are working in the field of atomic energy—Ollie Haywood in the Air Force and Tiger Janof in G-3, Army. The Class of '36 has a good spread in this field". Announcement has recently been received from the Albros, (G-2, Berlin), of the birth of a daughter, Stephanie Linwood, on January 4, 1951.

The Washington area gang had a dinner dance at Fort Belvoir on March 3rd. The latest Washington roster indicates that the Engineers have the largest representation with Harvey, Hayes, Hiatt, Jacoby, Kerker, Laurion, and Milne. Ordnance is second with Cooke, Davis, W. A., Prosser, Meany, Morris, T. W., and Simpson; in addition, Arnold, Chief of Staff at Andrews; Barrett, AF Plans; Bartella, AF Transportation; Clifton, JCS; Cordes, JAG; Crawford, Strategic Intelligence School; Dalton, Hq USAF; Davis, B. O., AF Operations; Davis, T. R., Dickens, Janof and Lipscomb are in G-3; Ellert, ACRF; Furphy, US Atomic Energy Commission; Hahney and Yost, Log-

istics; Jones, Chief Allocations Br Aircraft Div; Kieffer, Operations Officer Engineer School, Ft. Belvoir; Lockhart, G-3; Lynch, ID; Miles, JCS; Millikin, G-1; Morris, H. A.; OSD; Nazzaro, AF War Plans; Orth, AF Operations; Rutledge, Office Deputy C.O.S.; Steele, Office Secretary of AF; Wildrick, ICAF; and Høglund, Air Inspector Air Weather Service, Andrews. Only news from there is that the Hayes have a new daughter, Barbara Jean, born February 25th, and the Jacobys have their first, a boy.

Others accounted for are J. R. Kelly at Maxwell Field; Dave Hiester at Aberdeen Proving Ground; Nick Grothaus at Edgewood Arsenal; Mac Lemoyne at Benning; Ralph King at Fort Meade; Nip Page at Garrison Dam, N. Dak.; Bill Shuler, District Engineer, Los Angeles, Calif.; Jim Lampert, Tulsa, Oklahoma, Casey Vincent, 25th Air Div, Silver Lake, Wash.

At the New York West Point Dinner I saw Ben Whipple, who is taking off on an around the world trip as a representative of Standard Vacuum Oil Co. Henry Mucci has been here several times selling automobiles. Phil Gage visited the Point a while back when attending a course in insurance in NYC.

This first attempt certainly lacks punch—but what do you expect if you guys and dolls don't furnish me with information? Now take pens in hand and give me a run-down on the latest concerning yourself and family, and on any other classmates and their families you may know of. If you fail, this space may end up vacant in the next issue.

We are looking forward to hearing from you and seeing you at the Reunion.

—Jim Billy.

1937

The best news we've heard from the Class is an item gleaned from the Maxwell Field newspaper which states that Charlie Stark has been awarded the Legion of Merit for his work as commanding officer of an American PW camp in Germany during the war. From several sources I have heard that Charlie ran an outstanding camp, and it is gratifying that he has been rewarded for a job well done. Simultaneously with the receipt of this news, I received a letter from Charlie, written on the back of a 1: 20,000 map of Korea. Apparently *Assembly* has made its way out there, and Charlie has given me the word on some of our missing persons. Roy Mapes is serving with the Air Force out there, Eckman is in the A-4 of FEAF, Diehl is with a fighter wing, Curt Lowe is in Hqs. 5th Air Force in Korea, Bill Stratton is Exec for an Air Defense Wing in Japan, and Swede Ohman is the Exec in a troop carrier wing in Japan. Charlie himself is C.O. of a fighter wing in Korea.

We've had newsy letters from Scott Hall and Eric Dougan down in Washington, and Evelyn Nye, sweating out a boat to join Dave in Japan. The Chief has heard from Jay Abercrombie, (rumor has it that he is permanently assigned to Fort Belvoir) and that's about all the correspondence except for Christmas cards from a great many classmates all over the world.

Evelyn Nye is in Oceana, Virginia, and reports that Dave is Deputy Commander of an AAA Group in Japan. Dave has recently seen Pop Metz, G-3 section, Burton, Tom Neier, and Van Volkenburg, all big wheels in Tokyo. Bill and Marje Bailey are still

there, with a big 12-room house and an army of servants, whom Bill orders around in fluent Japanese. Dave has seen Walt Conway over there; Doris has settled at 457 East 12th Ave., Eugene, Oregon.

The V.I.P. group down in Washington has elected Danny Russell as new president, Buddy Hines as secretary, and Jack Gulick, treasurer. Finn Unger has moved up to the Joint Staff; we're getting well represented in high places and expect it to start paying off before long.

Scot Hall sends the biggest bunch of news. He has recently heard from Jack Donohew, who has been in Korea, but is now at Clark Field, Philippines, hoping to have Dottie and the kids join him this spring. Scot recently saw Sam Agee, in on a flying trip from England. Moose Hackford is on duty out at Walker Air Base, Roswell, New Mexico. Sam Gurney left recently for Israel as Air Attache.

Now that we are getting thinner on top and thicker around the middle (the rest of you, that is) we seem to be thinking more about fixing up a place to settle down and dream about the past. Milt Clark has spent the whole year (he drops in to teach a class now and then) renovating a place in Cornwall; he has done all the plumbing, painting and electrical work himself, and has done a wonderful job. Don Shive (of the Navy, that is) is building two rooms in the new menage in Newport. Scot and Ann Hall have been redecorating and painting their new place in Bethesda.

At Christmas those of us here heard from the Zehners in Venezuela; Marje Hines, still in California; Bob and Ginger Gildart, still in Germany; the Postlethwaits, in Chicago with Fifth Army Headquarters; Fred and Sunny Campbell, in Eucom; Gene and Marie Stann in Trieste; the Scheideckers, at Wright Field; Bill and Ann Chase, presumably still turning out tanks at the Detroit Tank Arsenal; Jim and Alice Scott, in Germany; the McDowells, with picture of their new house in Washington; the Leists, also in Washington; and the Eastons, expecting their sixth. That should put them in a tie with the Lawsons, and the race is still open.

Other class tidbits: at Norfolk are Hardaway, Peale, Chabot, Ressegieu, Brown, and Curtis. Bud Major is with the Intelligence Division, Eucom. Randy Hines has just moved from X Corps to the Artillery section, 2nd Division, in Korea. Stu O'Malley is C.O. of an Anti-Aircraft Battalion in Korea attached to the X Corps. Kate and the kids are in Japan. Bob Besson was seen recently in Washington; he is currently at Walter Reed convalescing from a wound received in Korea. Diercks, Mitchim, and Abercrombie, are running the Engineer School down at Belvoir; Freddy Diercks is the Topo expert there now.

The contingent here got together for a skating party (very little skating) up at Smith Rink in January. The Martins and Connellys put the affair on, and it was a big success. Early in March we had our second Class luncheon of the year in the new bar of the West Point Army Mess. In the invitations to the lunch "Gashouse Martin" was billed as principal speaker, but he got shy at the last moment and was the only one who didn't show up. Topic "A" on the agenda was promotion; we were agreed on only one aspect of the problem, in that we are all in favor of it.

You may not admit it to your best friend, but that fifteenth reunion is coming up soon; it is later than you think, and you are older than you think, so let's have any ideas for the reunion start rolling in.

—Hal Hallock.

1938

Most news of the Washington area comes from Bill Kieffer. Since the last issue of *Assembly*, a good many classmates have left Washington. Clare Beck has gone to England for schooling at the Joint Services Staff College. Vince Elmore and Dave Sherrard are in the Foreign Language School at Monterey. Dallas Hayes is at the Armed Forces Staff College. Sam Hogan is Staff JA at Camp Hood. Clance Kelley is in Cincinnati as Ln O to the Ohio River Eng. Div. Red Sundin has gone to Austria. Bill Wansboro is at Fort Meade. Cueball White is at Governors Island. Chubbuck, Damon, Frohlich, and Preuss have gone to Eniwetok. What will become of them on their return is uncertain.

The loss in the Washington area has been somewhat compensated, however, by new arrivals. Harvey L. Brown, a retired colonel, arrived to head the Math Dept. at Episcopal High. Twelve days ago, as of now (March 6), his wife added a new son to the group. George Dillard is a doctor with the Public Health Service in Bethesda. Pat Healy is on duty with Hq USAF. Mel Russel is now assigned to G-2. Pat Patrick is in G-4.

Recently, George Artman and Hube Strange were on TDY in Japan and Korea. They render the following report: Max Murray is in X Corps. Bill Sundlof is in Hq Eighth Army. Erlenbush, Harrison, F. B., and Charley Blake are all in Tokyo. John Corley commands an Inf Regt in the 25th Inf Div. Jim Lynch and Al Jones are in I Corps. Claire Hutchins is a battalion commander. Leland Crouch is in FEAF. Ash Packard commands the 27th Fighter Wing, 8th Air Force. In addition to this news of the East, Mary Missal reports that Joe is the senior military advisor to the 6th ROK Div.

For the news from Leavenworth, I have John Norris and Tom Sibley to thank. This group naturally divides itself into two parts: the faculty and the students. On the faculty list, there are Bassett, J. A., Brennan, M. F., Denholm, C. J., Henderson, J. E., Norris, F. W., Sibley, T. N., and Teich, F. C. The student list is composed of Anderson, C. H., Ashworth, R. L., Bailey, E. A., Ewing, J. T., Laskowsky, R., Norris, J. A., O'Connor, G. G., Siren, V. W., and Thompson, J. W. The group there has formed an organization which also includes Jackson, W. C., from Fort Riley, Pollock, D. C., ex-'38 and now a student from the USMC, plus two Navy files, class of '38, USNA. In his letter, John Norris says that he and G. G. O'Connor have enjoyed some very good bird hunting in the local environs. He also states that the nights under a red-comforter-draped table with a book and a light are a thing of the past. This information is passed on for the benefit of those who still have Leavenworth on their itinerary.

Dapprich, A. C., who is a student at Stanford, reports that he is rapidly reaching the state where he will know everything about absolutely nothing. He also reports that Mert Singer is in Hawaii.

From Bamberg, Germany, Clark, E. L., requests that his location, as far as this column is concerned, be changed from the Pentagon to CO, 2nd Bn, 26th Inf, 1st Inf Div. He also reports that Brown, M. C., has a battalion of the 18th Inf and that Dupuy is at the Werzburg Military Post. In addition to this report on people in Germany, Gus Broberg wrote from Germany at Christmas.

In a letter that had obviously been opened by a censor, Bob Rhine reported that he is now Exec and Opn O of the U.S. Military

Observer Mission on Kashmir, which is part of the larger U.N. Mission. Apparently, jamming by a northern neighbor has kept him pretty much in the dark about major world catastrophes such as the result of the Navy game. For the benefit of any volunteers to keep him posted, his address is UNMOHQ, Rawalpindi, Pakistan.

As of the first of the year, Carol Nickerson wrote that Jack was the only classmate at Sandia. However, Don and Madeline Williams and their three children are nearby at Los Alamos. The Nickersons, who have two children, recommend that anyone who has the opportunity to come to Sandia do so.

Although no word has been received from Norfolk, rumor has it that the following are in attendance at AFSC: Haynes, D. F., Damon, W. F., Beverley, W. W., Rhyne, G. W., Demitz, R. S., and Hayes, Dallas.

From several sources which are considered reliable, (mostly Bill Kieffer), comes the following authentic poop: Phil Hawes has or will soon depart for Moscow as Air Attache. The same applies to Ken Skaer except that the destination is Mexico City. Dick Sims is boning Frog on the side as both summer and Europe get closer. Largely through the efforts of Sam Eaton, the group in Washington has formed a chapter complete with charter and associated trappings. Gailon McHaney has one foot in Washington, where he is on TDY with AFSWP, and one in Monroe where he is permanently assigned and where Flo and their two children are living. Bill and Polly Brett's three youngsters are living in Falls Church, Va., with Polly's parents, General and Mrs. T. J. Hayes. Freddy Dean, who sprained his knee very badly last fall, still walks with a cane. Michelet's wife gave birth to their second daughter last November. The same for Bob York's wife, except that the month was December.

The Meyer and Sniffin report follows; obviously, it's not guaranteed. Dully Hanum is at Camp Campbell and has two children. Frank Hartman is PMS&T at Texas U. Willy Langford is driving a bat in Korea. Kenny Wickham transferred to AG. Preacher Wells is on the air mission to Saigon. Frank Sturdivant is a student at the Air War College. Merrick Bayer was retired as the result of injuries sustained in an air crash; he lives in San Antonio. Ed Chalgren and Jim Isbell are in London. Moe Lemon and Vince Miles are on duty with the Air Inspector's office in San Antonio. Bud Mearns is at Fort Sill. Ken Schmidt is with the Army Security Agency at Carlisle Barracks. John Tillson is with VII Corps at Fort Meade. Dick Bromiley is at McChord AFB. Phil Browning and Bottle Casper are at Belvoir; Bottle has a new son, Bottle, Jr. Ken Glade is at Fort Knox. Brooks Wilson is in Alaska. Bob Kuhn is at Wright AFB.

Anyone who is dissatisfied with the assignment I have given him may so indicate before the next issue of *Assembly* and have it changed free of charge.

In one letter received, class representatives in general and I, in particular, got a going over for not printing vital statistics about classmates. I would be glad to comply, but (a) I have very few of them, and (b) the copy gets edited down to 1,300 words after I turn it in. In this connection, after very unintensive research, the record for the most children appears to be held undisputedly by Durbin with six. Close on his heels are Patrick and Corley with five each. At this time, the record for the youngest child seems to belong to Brown, H. L., but by the time this is printed, that record will undoubtedly have fallen. Anyone who wants to contest these records may do so in writing prior to the next issue.

—Brownlow.

1939

With June Week almost upon us, we are anxious to publicize a class party scheduled for Round Pond on Monday evening, June 4 (graduation is the 5th). If you can possibly make this affair, drop a line to Marlin, Meyer, Kunzig or Fraser, who are perfecting the big plans.

We are especially desirous of including in this column the latest dope on you classmates who are presently making history in sundry far flung corners of the globe. Probably you don't have time to write to us direct, but possibly your wives will respond to this invitation to send us some news garnered from your letters home. So far we are indebted to Mary Margaret Kail for doing just that. Sam, who has an infantry battalion in the 3rd Division in Korea, has seen some rough going. In the past weeks he has developed such an aversion to mountains in all forms, it seems likely that he may someday retire to the flattest part of Kansas, while, in the meantime, that once looked-forward-to vacation in Colorado is now definitely out. Sam mentions that St. Clair has a battalion of Puerto Ricans, and Pete Clifford has a cavalry battalion near him.

Bill McCaffery is with X Corps and Charlie Mount has an infantry battalion in the 7th Division. A letter from Medusky indicated he made the Inchon landing and was the Headquarters Commandant for X Corps. With John in Korea, his dog in a German kennel in Japan, his Packard at the port, and Ruth and the children commuting between Florida and Michigan, John has suddenly become a man with world-wide interests. By the time this is printed, Johnny should be back in the GHQ Engineer Section in Tokyo. My erstwhile ex-wife, the one and only "Skinny Jack", continues to fill me with pride and admiration as I periodically read in the *Times* and the *Tribune* of the latest exploits of "Task Force Dolvin", spearhead of the 25th Division. Tom and Cynthia now have a little girl, their first, born last September at Fort Benning.

A recently returned *Daily Mirror* correspondent, while lecturing at West Point not long ago, related in some detail the experiences of C. B. Smith, who commanded our first battalion of troops landed in Korea last July. After listening to that eye-witness account of activities, my hat is off to Brad.

The Tennessee State Commissioner of Finance and Taxation, none other than our Chesty Evans, broke into newsprint early in March when he testified before the Senate Crimes Investigating Committee in Washington. Some outfit in Illinois has been attempting to make Chesty's dry areas wet. Frankie Joe Kobes writes that he is in the insurance business in Crete, Nebraska. He was line coach last fall for the local college, which won its conference football title. He and Lydia watched the Army-Navy game as guests of Riggs Sullivan and Jack Bestic at Offutt Field in Omaha.

Three classmates are presently on rivers and harbors duty in Engineer districts, Dick Wolfe in San Francisco, Kirby-Smith in Galveston and Sid Martin in Mobile. Nick Paraska, after being hastily plucked out of a special engineering course at N.Y.U. last September, is busy with an Engineer Brigade at Leonard Wood. Ed Gallagher is in the GHQ Engineer Section in Japan.

Joe McChristian, just recently graduated from the Armed Forces Staff College, is our first new arrival for duty at U.S.M.A. He is assigned to the Brigade S-3 Section (big things should begin to happen soon). Joe reports that Fritz Fredericks is in the new class at Norfolk. Linc Simon, who had an

AAA battalion at Fort Dix until recently, is also in the new class.

A few weeks ago Mickey Laitman visited Bob Haffa at Fort Monmouth. Bob, after all sorts of law courses to his credit, now has an important purchasing and contracting job. At last report, John Bane was practically running Bell Telephone laboratories in New Jersey, but is slated for a new assignment about the time this reaches you. Thanks to a new Christmas typewriter from Bunch, Charlie Duke broke down and pecked out a letter from Leavenworth. Charlie may be quoted as saying that he is neither a prophet nor the son of a prophet. Danny Nolan, who, in addition to his instructor duties at Leavenworth, is also director of the Army Cooperative Fire Association, visited West Point recently. He was on leave for the purpose of acquainting cadets with the advantages of fire insurance.

Jap Wilson, whom we sailed to Europe in the last two issues, is now reported, via Mouse Trahan, to be living in a twenty room (more-or-less) house in Frankfurt, where Jap is with an Army security agency.

Jack Kinney stayed overnight here recently with the Tatums. Jack was on a quick trip to Washington from Japan, where he is planning for the Far East Air Force. Walter Smith (ex-'39, D Co.) visited the Frasers and Thomasons a few weeks ago. Walt, who is a vice president of North Carolina Equipment Co., recently furnished a sizable portion of the heavy engineer equipment being sent to Africa to build airfields. As I write this in March, the most prominent event looming on the local social calendar is the big '39 Stag Dinner (an annual event since last year). Dick Morrison and committee have somehow convinced our wives. After last year's production you couldn't keep us away.

Al Evans is now stationed at Kelly and lives in San Antonio. His I.G. job as a tactical inspector takes him all around the country checking up on fighter outfits. Al and Betty Jean have a new daughter. George Howard stopped off in San Antonio in February on his way to a new assignment at Travis Air Force Base near Sacramento, Calif. The latest from Maxwell indicates that Roger Phelan, Bunny Adams and Curley Edwards are on the faculty while Joe Dickman, Bob Rogers and Al Herzberg are '39's contribution to the student body of the Air War College. Bob Roger's recent letter indicates the school is top notch in every respect.

Ted Hunsbedt reports the Sterling Johnsons had a baby girl this winter. A March order shows Keith Hull moving from Fort Sill to the Engineer School at Fort Belvoir.

June will see John Davis, Janowski, McCollam, Morrison, Schellman, Schrader, Matt Smith, Trahan, Wald and John Watt off to new assignments after completing their current tours at U.S.M.A. We'll give you their destinations in the next issue. Sailor Byrne directed my attention to the fact that '39 is getting old (at least in the eyes of the present cadets). In the "B Bag" section of a recent Pointer, the cadet editor outlined how the "old timers" handled the situation. His source was an article written by Vic Johnson in a Pointer of our day. Walter Wells is now rapidly mastering his masters at Texas A.&M.

After checking, I find that over three-fourths of the class have at least been mentioned if not featured in this column in the last year. It is that important missing fourth that we'd especially like some dope on in the next few months. And for statistics, after almost twelve years elapsed since June '39, some 85% of our graduating force are still in a position to drop a line to this

column if they would, while 72% of us are still in uniform.

—Winegar.

1940

Moon Mullin, close by in Philadelphia, gives me news of the Engineers. Moon has a new daughter, now a year old, named Patty Jean. Moon is assistant to the District Engineer of the Philadelphia area. Pfeil is overseas with a Combat Engineer Group, while Sullivan moves into his second year at Harvard University. Penny is with a Combat Engineer Group at Bragg. Free, Brown, H. C., Burfening, and Charlie Banks are stationed at Albuquerque, New Mexico. Graf is overseas with the 9th Corps, having left West Point. Clock and Dunham are with the U.S. Forces in Austria. Quaid is stationed at Headquarters EUCOM. Clayton Rust is Assistant to the District Engineer in Seattle and Len Haseman has the same job in Norfolk, Virginia. Ahmajan is with EUCOM and Larry Fuller is studying at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. Dice is with AFP Board No. 2 at Fort Knox and Pillsbury is with Headquarters 10th Corps. Nosek and Harnett are at West Point. Note the last issue of *Assembly* with the big article by Jack. Noble is with G-3 in the Pentagon and Robinson is at the University of California at Berkeley after a tour in Puerto Rico as District Engineer.

Orman and Bates gave a party in Orman's apartment in Drexelbrook. Present were Gees, Mullins, Luther Arnolds, Collins', Epleys, Brewertons and Mancusos of the Class of 1939. News from these sources were gathered early before the Charades started. (You should see Orman do "The Naked and the Dead".) Miley should have been there but Gee reported self-induced "flu" prevented.

Lloyd Huff is with the Quartermaster Corps in Pusan. Television viewers in Philadelphia are treated with occasional glimpses of Miley and Mullin helping out with Civilian Defense. J. B. Bonham is now with the Alaskan Command. Rimmer is taking the advanced course at Sill. Vanderhoef is back from Europe and now resplendent at Lemon Road, Falls Church, Virginia complete with swimming pool and Great Dane. Ross Milton is with MATS in Washington; daughter born in August, 1950. Gee is moving into new house at Frankford Arsenal.

Butch Dixon got his Ph.D. in France and is now back in the States. He is District Engineer at Vicksburg. His thesis for degree was written in French and presented orally before he was given degree. Bill Clay is in the Office of the Chief of Ordnance in Washington. Lee Fritter was in Philadelphia for short time and is now at Benning. Jung is with Intelligence Section, Far East Affairs, in the Pentagon. Harry Wilson is now a merchant in Morgantown, South Carolina. Thayer is in Germany with the Q.M. Beaudry is still stationed at Aberdeen. "Big John" Coontz is in Korea. Paul O'Neil, wife and five children, are now at Camp Kilmer, where Paul is Post Engineer.

Delayed letter from Jack Dibble says Swift is at Aschaffenburg. "Bud" and Georgia have a year-old daughter named Diane. Rogers heads the staff Message Control. Ray Goodrich is Chief of Plans and Intelligence in the Signal Division. Hackett recently arrived and joined OPOT division.

Robinson Humphrey and Company announce the formation of a partnership. Pat Held is one of the partners.

Orman helps out as usual with news from Christmas cards. Bell, Belt, and Harry Stella are in Korea. Dill Ellis likes being a banker in Dillon, South Carolina. O'Bryan, Applegate, Abbey and Wilcox are in Washington. Wilcox just bought a farm in Herndon, Virginia. Shagrin is with Guided Missile Group at Bliss. Kaspar and Hobson are at West Point and Fox Kramer is at Sill. Hazeltine is in Salzburg, Frankie Devlin in Trieste and Bowlby and Brousseau are in London. Strong is in Austria, Symroski in Arabia, Shoemaker in Tokyo, and Mark Klunk is in Turkey. Look for Galbreath and McCroskey in Germany, Prann at Maxwell Field and Oglesby at Fort Monroe. Walt Swank is in Washington, D. C.

If you look in the Benning telephone book you will find Reinecke, Mendez, Wetherill, Bingham, Yeager, Jack Wright, and Bob Brewer. Freudendorf, Delamater and Manzollilo are also in Korea. Willie Buck is in Dayton, Ohio.

Tony Wermuth listened to the Navy game with Yeuells and Galbreaths. Tony reports that despite the score, Don was in fine fettle. Long letter from Silvaseys tells of their trip to Germany. They are living at Erlangen.

Carey O'Bryan comes through with a three-page letter that takes some perusing. Reports that Herb Bowlby has been assigned to JAMAG in England. Brousseau is a student at the Royal Staff College at Andover. Expects to be assigned to NATO with duty station in Paris when course is over. Ted Davis is at Stuttgart, stationed with the Constabulary. Larry Legere is doing geopolitics in Berlin. Jerry Addington is in Greece, but Carey couldn't stop because of bad weather. Settled for dinner with Devlin in Trieste. Devlin should be coming home soon. Earl McFarland is assigned to Air War College at Maxwell, then to West Point. John McLean, is now the proud father of a boy, after having two girls. Ray Sleeper is heading for Maxwell Field. Corbly is at Sill.

Pentagon Poop: Those in the Pentagon and thereabouts are: Bob Applegate, Jack East, Maury Wetzel, Joe Ruebel, Milt Barnard, Willie Wilcox, Frank Coleman, Ed Hooven, Zeke Summers, Aquilla Hughes, Sam Goodwin, Dave Crocker, Bob Doderidge, Ferry, Bill Clay, Al Strock, Chuck Noble, Bill Clark, Gideon, Dalziel, Dick Abbey, Jack Wilbraham, Bill Kintner, Joe Couch, Nils Bengston, Al Crockett, Bruce Denno, Bob Delaney, and Lee Cagwin. Archie Knight just returned from the Far East where he met Bob Warren, Moss Head Parker, Jimmy Rasmussen, and Stan Smith. Izzie Shearer is to come to Washington soon. Clizbe is at the front in Korea. Del Munson was wounded but has recuperated and is back with his outfit.

Frank Mandell to be PMS&T at Kent State College in Ohio. "Big John" Coontz reports his third baby girl before going to Korea. Tyke Coontz is doing fine.

Bert Lane reports from Leavenworth that Dean Benson married Peggy Marshall from Leavenworth on February 4. Following were present at the wedding: Bavaro, Don Bennett, Jerry Brown, Scotty Case, Mart Chandler, Crown, George England, Fitzpatrick, Floryan, Merchant, Minahan, Monroe, O'Donnell, Phillips, Smith, Webster, Witt, Wohner, Loewus, Lane, Benson (of course), Paulick and Shanahan. Scott and Priscilla Case had their third girl in January.

I speak for the class when I express deep sympathy to Charlie Bagstad for the tragic loss of his wife recently.

Taps sounded for J. P. Dwyer on December 29, 1949 at Butler, Pennsylvania.

—Hank Brewerton.

1941

FOREIGN NEWS—Hq. 3d Bomb Gp Mar 4: A. Wray heads the list again, having not only contributed three letters and two clippings but the classic "Tale of Taegu", which will be cached in the archives of the Class and released at REUNION. When Wray is not delivering Napalm to points north he hob-nobs with Clyde Thompson who is in the A-3 business, Ben Mayo who is in the F-80 business, and Harry Trimble who is in the RB-26 business. Ben (see CLIPPINGS) is apparently happier than when he was commanding that Air Base Group on Honshu. Harry, who is nearing fifty missions, is sweating out a PIO job in FEAF.

Hq. EUSAK Arty Sect, APO 301 SF; Mar '51: Jumping Joe Knowlton having won his silver leaves the hard way, flashed the following complete run-down on the '41 Korean population: "Hume is listed as MIA; he was caught in that 2nd Div fracas at the Chanchon River. Have seen Pete Tanous, QM, X Corps; he got me two sheets; hence his name heads the list. Ed Rowney is now G-4, X Corps. Joe Gurfein, G-3 Section, X Corps. John Rossell, as red and moustachous as ever, X Corps Arty. Bud Clapp, originally in our class, and Samz, both in 2nd Inf Div Arty. Burnside Huffman, S-3 of 674th Abn FA Bn in the 187th RCT. Burnside was married about two weeks before coming over here. Roy Attebury was here, in the 3rd Inf Div. Buster Boatwright is in IX Corps G-3 section, still his chipper self. Paul Gray is in IX Corps Arty. Bob Elsberry is in KMAg . . . as difficult as any job over here. Hack Liles came through early this winter, joined KMAg as an Infantry Adviser for a ROK regiment, and was MIA within a week. Ben Mayo wiles away his spare moments pocking the countryside with 50 cal bullets from his jet plane. Arnold Thomas is in Eighth Army Engr Sect, recently joined from one of the Logistics Commands. Understand that Gerig and Mat Harrison are in either GHQ or Japan Log Comd. Have not seen Fat Jack Millikin. Well I've probably forgotten some of the lads, but only through sheer stupidity"

Other reporters from the FEC area were Al Muzyk in CAS, Hq FEC APO 500, who saw Paul Ramee enroute West in command of an Engr Const Bn, and Salisbury in G-1, Hq, FEC. Jack Millikin, commanding a Bn in 1st Cav, says he finally got recommended for his silver leaf and that his outfit is licking its wounds and getting ready for another "jam session." Tom Cleary is in Hq 7th Inf, APO 468. His sweet wife, Davy, has been recalled to AD in the ANC and he is sweating out the possibility of having her on overseas duty on one side of the globe while he kills Chinks on the other. Johnny Brooks, recently returning to the Air University after 90 days TDY in the realm of MacArthur, adds that Cliff Cole, Ralph Freese, Bill Cummings, Al Snyder are still in Hq FEAF and that he also saw Herb Clendenning on Guam, Vince Carlson, Bob Elsberry and Jim Roy in Japan during his visit. Johnny McIntyre saw Ted Celmer at Camp Drake. These writers mentioned many of the '41ers who were also covered in the more recent report of Knowlton's.

Rio de Janeiro, APO 676, NY, February 28: John Van Hoy reveals that Rio is a "nice place to be", and that he is on the Inter-American Geodetic Survey and attached for administration to the office of the Military Attache, Colonel B. C. Andrus!

NATIONAL AFFAIRS—Ft. Benning, February 13: Lyman Faulkner, our contact man, gave a tabulated report on the Infantry School contingent. The TIS drill roll includes Adjemian, Jock Adams, Joe Myers, Graham, Longino, Dalby, Strain, Niles, Hoe-

beke, McKinley, Hendrickson, Faulkner, O'Connell, Kercheval, and DeSaussure. Living together in Columbus are Mrs. Paul V. Liles (Harriet) and Mrs. Burnside Huffman. Joe Myers writes that he, Strain, Faulkner, and Adjemian are staying another year. Hoebeke and Niles are going to Leavenworth. Hendrickson will stay for the Advanced Class, Dalby to ROTC, Graham to West Point, Longino to G-2 Wash and McKinley to Psychological Warfare in Wash. Jock Adams leaving but doesn't know where.

Philadelphia, February 5: Ralph Upton got the Philly contingent, Troup, Couch, Ahern, Healey, and Stigers together and they all drank a solemn oath that they would be here if they could. Ralph added that Walt Woodwine was in the QM Depot at Gesen, Germany, and that Paul Skowronek is at Box 122, Caldwell, Idaho.

Ft. Sill, March: Poopy Ellis reports Prince Alliotta at the U. of Minn. Hyman Bodzin—now Henry Bodson—is leaving Sill for the 1st GM Group at Ft. Bliss. Earl V. Brown at U. of Virginia Law School. Moyer and Robinson left for Bliss Advanced Course in October. Busbee and Woodward to Staff & Faculty TAS, Ft. Sill. Biss Moore to G-1 Pentagon. Ellis, H. V., Brown, J. T., Johnson, A. G. W., and Whittaker are in a pool for overseas assignment. Johnson has heard he's to help Attache in Cairo. Others staying in Sill—Panke, Birdseye, Brown, H. M., and Hoge.

Leavenworth, January 20: Charlie Schilling reports for the C&GS contingent that they will all be here for Reunion if they graduate early, aren't sent to Korea, get leave, save the money, and find baby sitters; Michel, Kaiser, Pigue, and Male.

Ft. Bragg, February 28: Ramblin' Ren Keleher cables from the sanctum of the Exercise Southern Pine PIO Planning Staff, "It really is quite a treat, being at such a busy crossroads. I never realized that this was one of the stops on the main line, but in my month here so far I have seen Joe McCulloch, Claire Armstrong, Faulkner, Keagy, Hoge, Gerace, Hauser and Lee, J. C. H. Lee seems to have had some occupational disease that befalls people who jump out of airplanes for pay and is doing his annual hospital tour. The Hoge is smugly admitting to a family of four while he works an old dodge of getting himself sent off to school during the critical 2 am feeding phase. It's only a 2 week reprieve for him though, for his school, the Air Support School, will run out this coming weekend"

Other Posts, Camps, Stations, and AFB's: Zeke Edger, an inspector at the Augusta Ordnance Arsenal, guarantees all merchandise being sent to Korea. Johnny Brooks at Maxwell strongly recommends matriculation at his college for aspiring young airmen. Jonat Atkinson, same station, strongly recommends the golf course and the southern atmosphere. Joe Grygiel, ANGH Hot Springs, saddens us with the news of his wife, Larry, who has a rare and vicious variation of rheumatoid arthritis which not only cripples all of her joints, but has resulted in serious attacks on the heart, stomach, liver, and kidneys. She has been bed-ridden since '46. Dick Travis and Fox Rhynard are trying to keep the situation Tactical at Langley. Fred Ascani jetted down to March the other day to gather a few pearls of fiscal wisdom from the Comptroller of the 15th Air Force, E. F. Harding, Jr. Two days after his promotion orders Fred's fifth child arrived; the cigar smoke got so thick the weather people reported the first case of smog in the Muroc Desert. Bill Gribble, 2063B, 46th St, Los Alamos, NM, states that he is working as a research metallurgist in the Big Lab.

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED—Two more obituaries have been completed: Jim Dien-

elt by Al Moody and Butch Berger; and Bill Gardner by Bob Edger.

ORDERS—To Carswell AFB, Ft Worth—Bill Seawell. To Office of the Post QM, West Point—Mal Troup. To Hq. European Command—John Gerace. Rel from asgmt to Armor and asgd to Ord Corps, Ft. Knox—Pat Tansey. Rel from detail in Ord Corps, Aberdeen—Greg McKee. To EAD, Ft. Belvoir as Capt. Corps of Engineers—Dick Polk.

CLIPPINGS—Stars & Stripes Dec 17: "Engineers build escape route under 'Hot' Fire. Army and Marine engineers working from opposite ends of the bloody Chosin reservoir escape route, solved a knotty engineer problem in building a "Lincoln highway" in nine gruelling days under enemy fire. Lt. Col. E. L. Rowny of Baltimore, X Corps Engineer, handpicked a tailor-made Army Engineer team for the nine-day job of clearing the highway from Kotori southward".

New York Times, February 27: "On a close support mission near the central sector of the line a flight of F-80's of the 49th Ftr Bmr Wing led by Lt. Col. Ben I. Mayo of Little Rock, Ark., hit a village sheltering enemy troops. Describing the attack, Mayo said: 'The controller told us that the town had many troops in it. So we started taking the place apart. When we left the only building we could see that we hadn't hit was a church on a hill near the town'".

REUNION—The program consists of a cocktail party at the Club on Saturday, June 2; a Formal Dinner-Dance at Camp Buckner on Sunday; a Luncheon for the '41 Wives at the Thayer on Monday; and a picnic that afternoon on Constitution Island. We estimate that these parties plus extra-curricular refreshments will cost about fifteen dollars a head. If you will please send a check to the treasurer, Roy Kelly, you'll not only provide us with operating capital but you will be paying for your June fun out of April's budget. The housing situation is going to be tight with only nineteen of us here, so the sooner you let us know that you are pretty sure you'll be here, the better job we can do by you. We realize in this day and age, nothing is certain, however there are thirty-three '41ers stationed within a 250 mile radius who are still listed in the "maybe" category and eighteen who have not even answered any of our queries. Some of the people here are holding room for the "Maybes" while some of the "Definites" are without a host. Let's have a yes or no soon. Now don't take all this to mean that if, at the very last minute, your erstwhile iron-trousered boss suddenly shoves you out the door, you'll find a "No Vacancy" sign hanging outside the South Gate; there's always the Wrestling Room at the Gym.

MILESTONES—Born: To Fred (second to win the silver OLC to his Father ribbon) and Kay Ascani, their third son and fifth child, Stephen, at Edwards AFB, Jan 24, weight: 8 lbs 2 oz. To Fritz and Hilda Fitzpatrick, a daughter, Cornelia Frances, in Heidelberg February 13. To Mike and Ann Cochran, their second son, Stephen Lee, at Maxwell, Dec 13, weight: 7 lbs 1 oz. To Ed and Helena Gelderman, a daughter, Mary Ann, in Heidelberg Dec 31. To George and Georgia Adjemian, a daughter, Barbara Ann, at Ft. Benning, Nov 6. To Buzz and Nobby Busbee, their third daughter, Patricia Jane, at Ft Sill Jan 31. To Bill and Lil Hoge, their third daughter and fourth child, Nettie, at Ft Sill, Feb 2. To Harry H. and Mrs. Ellis, a child, at Ft Meade. Missing In Action: Thomas A. Hume. Resigned: Glen A. Lee.

TEN YEAR BOOK—As you know, we are going to publish a Ten Year Book some time in the Fall so that it will contain the pictures and stories of REUNION. It will contain the class history and what will amount to an annex to the Biography section of the Howitzer. Your autobiography should contain vital statistics, stations, de-

tails, schools and decorations. We will get out a form for you to fill in and return together with a family picture.

ODE—Let us know,
Send us some dough,
There ain't but sixty days to go!
—Burt Andrus.

1942

Those of us at the Point started the Gloom Period in the proper fashion with a scavenger hunt and beer and pizza party. Seemed as though a good time was had by all, with the Bob Terrys and the John Shorts collecting the prize for the best bunch of junk.

The annual loss of '42ers has already begun here with Jim Hayes leaving for Korea, and Ted McAdam leaving for school prior to taking an Air Attaché's job in South America. We were all saddened to hear of Gen. Moore's death only a few weeks after he left the Academy.

Congratulations are in order for Cage, Crittenberger and McAdam for adding their bit to the increasing population of the U.S. Mac had a son, while Crit and Lee each came forth with new daughters. There was no word of any other new arrivals, so guess we'll have to let it go with those at the Point. Congratulations to all those who have received promotions since the last edition of *Assembly*. We're really getting up in the world.

Contributions were received for the class fund from Ray O'Neal, Bill Warren, Peyt Tabb, Floyd Robinson, and Bob Clagett. Those of you who haven't sent your contributions (including me) should do so at the earliest opportunity. Mail them to Box 42, West Point or to Lt. Col. R. R. Evans, here.

Letters were few this quarter. Peyt Tabb says "Nothing too exciting over here in London". Bob Clagett writes that he and Terrel are on duty at the Turkish Infantry School at Cankiri, commuting weekly from Ankara, about ninety miles. They both expect to be home in the spring of '52 in time for the tenth reunion and the Academy Sesquicentennial.

Bob Fritz says it's cold in Korea. John Watson, also in Korea, says for everybody to come over.

Ray O'Neal writes from Heidelberg that Bob Bringham, Roy Geiger, John Sheffey and Larry Lahm are there also, all in Hq., EUCOM and that between them they should be able to fix about anyone up with anything. He also says it is very nice over there.

Floyd Robinson expects to come to the Math Department here next summer. We'll be looking forward to his arrival. One thing though, those far-flung personnel do contribute materially to the news and to this column, so you, and anyone else who can, write what news you know. We'll try to get it all in print.

Bill Warren is at the Army Language School, studying Russian, with a year at Columbia and two years in Germany to follow, all studying Russian. Must really be a tough language, Bill. After all that you'll probably end up here teaching poor luckless plebes.

Tom Rienzi, as usual, came through for those of the class stationed at Albuquerque. He makes a liar out of me by announcing a boy for Jake Ballard, and a girl for Bill Harrell. Congratulations to you anyway. Hal Ogden is at Maxwell getting all the staff poop, while Tom, Len Pasciak, Rip Young, Phil Krueger, Corcoran, Ballard and Harrell hold down the fort. Keep the news coming, Tom, you write it and we'll print it.

'Nuff said for now, gang, we here will expect to hear from more of you in the future,

and we're looking forward to seeing a large number of you at the tenth reunion next year. Start planning for it now.

—Howe.

January, 1943

Our deepest sympathies are extended to: Hal and Fritzie Barber whose daughter, Frederica, passed away here at West Point; Mrs. G. A. Seegers whose son, Boone, has now been listed as killed in action in Korea; T. Q. and Mára Donaldson at the death of Mára's father, General Coffey, who was killed in an airplane accident while on TDY in Europe; Ed Wilcox whose wife recently passed away.

Congratulations are extended to Colonel Bill (the big eagle) Kyle, to the birdmen whose leaves turned to silver, and to the new majors.

The class continues to be as pro (lifer, that is) as ever with the pitter-patter of second generation feet steadily increasing. Al and Mari Toth recently doubled their number of children with the birth of Christopher Keats at West Point on February 12. Ben and Jane Anne Edwards duplicated their previous efforts with a second daughter, Ruth Barber, born February 5 at USMA. And, get this—John (girls are easier to handle) and Betty Kerig have done it again. Barbara Susan (the fourth daughter) born February 12 at WP. The Lenfests, however, finally found the secret. After three girls, Chuck and Laura became the proud parents of a man-child at Turner AFB, Georgia. The Hilms got a new tax exemption just ahead of the deadline, December 31, their second child, a girl, born at Ft. Belvoir, Virginia. Nice timing, Bob. Bill and Peggy Knowlton somehow managed to find time for another, a boy, their third. Things were getting out of hand in Europe again so Bill was sent for to help SHAPE things up. He turned in his C&GS text books, packed an accordion, a unicycle, and three slide rules, sent Peggy to New York to have the baby, and took off for Paris. His trip over by air, a mode of transportation he apparently loathes, was not without incident, inasmuch as two of the aircraft in which he flew lost engines and had to return to terra firma. It's a shame about that boy. Such a humdrum existence. Tom and Louisa Mesereau parented a son, Tom, Jr., last June which I don't believe has been previously reported. Mes wrote in December to say that young Tom was then 24 pounds of dynamite. By the time you read this he will probably have made his five qualifying jumps from the chandelier.

Lots of people are moving to greener pastures. All of the new assignments about which we've heard are hereby disseminated. Those returning to USMA are: Jim Cobb, from Air Force, DCS/O, and George Weart, from Jump School at Benning, to duty with the Tactical Department; Bob Bullard, from Advance Course at Benning, to Department of Social Science (I think); and Bob Fiss, from Ft. Sill to 1802d Special Regiment.

Those joining the D.C. Pentagonal Squad are: Ed Costello, from Savannah, Georgia, to the Armament Division, Directorate of Research and Development (Jo and three boys were to join Ed the latter part of March); Jim Huntley, from Mitchel Field to duty in Officer's Assignment Division, Directorate of Military Personnel; Jim Frankosky, from Sandia to a special armed forces project; Joe Hamilton, from 4800 Guided Missiles Wing, and Johnny Ross, from Advance Course at Benning, to somewhere in the Pentagon; and Kenny Buell, also from Advance Course at Benning, to G-2 (I think). (Thank you, Jim McKinney, for the news flashes from the Five Sided Nerve Center.)

Those "officers" presently at Benning and staying on as instructors are Tibby Ander-

son, Swede Lundberg, Tony Antonioli, and Paul "the ConQuest" Croonquist. (Thanks CQ for all the Benning poop.) Those "students" presently at Benning and departing for the hinterlands are: Bob Baden, NG at Bakersfield, Cal; Dan Bogan, ROTC, Montana; Jim Changaris, Camp Atterbury, Ind.; Roy Wilson, Ft. Jackson, 8th Division; and Bob Peden, destination unknown. Students who will resume their officer status at Benning are: Jack Armstrong, AFF Board 3; Hal Roach, TIS; and Duke Windsor, 4th Division. To complete the Benning picture, Jack Hines went to Camp Atterbury; George Maertans is still with AFF Board 3; George Watson is Asst G-3 in 4th Division; Ed Geaney and Arch Hamblin are both in the present Advance Course and Randy Foster (found out of M Co. our plebe year) is in the 4th Tank Battalion, 4th Division.

From Ft. Sill, John McNamara is going to Bowling Green to teach the ROTC boys how to go Boom-Boom in unison; Tom Flatley will stay at Sill temporarily while awaiting overseas orders; Jack Russell and Pete Grimm are going to the 4th Division. (The above information and all other in this column pertaining to artillerymen was plagiarized from a very newsy letter inveigled out of Flywheel Flanagan through the underhanded "won't you help out a poor old classmate?" appeal. Thanks a lot, Fly.)

From Ft. Belvoir, The Home of Brains, we have the following—Bob Hillman, Bill Hahn, Jack Upchurch, Art Grace, Whizzer White, Bob Marshall, and Johnny McClure are all fighting for tenths in the Advance Course. They graduate in April but at the time of this writing had not received their assignments as yet. George Rebh and Milt Stevens were recently assigned to Belvoir. George, who has been Rhodes Scholarshiping in England, is with Engineer Strategic Planning at the Army Map Service; and Milt, who has been in the European playground, is with the Engineer Test Unit. Fred Waters is in the Department of Extension Instruction and Ed Bielecki has the two hatted job of Course Supervisor and instructor of Engineer Equipment Mechanics. We are indebted to Ed for all info on the Slide Rule Slickers. We shall continue to quote from his letter in other portions of this column. Thanks a lot, Ed.

We have no news on assignments or re-assignments to or from The Armored School, but, thanks to Tom (shoot, you're faded) Mesereau we do have some news. Studiously engaged in learning about the rigid flexibility (or is it the flexible rigidity?) of the Armored Force are Hugh Mease, Harry Pritchett, Jack Wheeler, and Big Tom. Stationed at Ft. Knox are Flip Fenili, Merle Carey, Ralph Hofmann, John Norris, Tom Watson, and John Wheelock. Thanks a lot, Tom, for the news, and don't forget your can opener when riding in the small ones.

People not attached to one of the five great cultural centers—WP, DC, TIS, TAS (Knox) and TAS (Sill)—but still managing somehow to exist, include the following: Don Thompson, at Offutt Field, Nebraska, was to be reassigned either to Washington, D. C. or Albuquerque, or, if the conflict became too great, was to remain where he is. (So help me, that's what Jim McKinney passed on.) Iggy Lane is ADC-ing the CG, 14th AF, at Robbins AFB at Macon, Georgia. Rog Fisher finally completed his TDY tour in England and returned to Biggs Field early in March. From Maxwell Field, Dave Lowe moves to Patrick AFB, Chuck Lenfest goes to Albany, Georgia, and John Buckner stays put.

People who have been seen, or heard about, include the following. Bill (I need a bus) and Marion Stewart with their four children visited WP from Wright Field late in January. Bob Maloney, tanned and fit, up from 4800 GMW at Cocoa, Fla., for Army-Navy gym meet. Hodge Kirby was at Walter Reed the latter part of February for

some treatment of his right eye. We haven't heard, but sure hope that it wasn't serious. Bob Wood, who got out after WW II, is living in Harrisburg, Pa. Burt Hood, wife, and three children were at USMA over the Christmas holidays. They are now at Davidson College where Burt is PMS&T. Stew and Jane Meyers, with their two girls, are at Bragg, where Stew is the Detachment Commander of AFF Board 1. Also at Bragg are Hank Ebrey, in V Corps Headquarters, and Jim Hackler, with the Ninth Air Force (?). Ed Faust, wife, and three youngsters are at Louisiana State University where he is PMS&T.

Some news has managed to trickle back from our foreign correspondents. Bill DeGruchy and Joe Conny are reportedly in Korea. Bill Starnes is in charge of a construction project in Linz, Austria. T. Q. Donaldson has been assigned as Secretary to General Noce in Heidelberg, Germany. Joe Nett is the Signal Officer at Munich and Jim Richardson is with an engineer unit in Frankfurt. Roy Sanders is enjoying life in Paris, and Dan Parker is enjoying his tour with the RAF near London.

We received a terrific poop sheet from Jim Cobb which listed all 60 of our classmates in the Washington, D. C. area, complete with home and office addresses and phone numbers and first names of all family members. The restriction on column length for this *Assembly* makes it impossible to include it here, however.

Concerning June Week—our plans aren't sufficiently firm at this early date (March 20th) to publish, but we do guarantee you a good time, so come if you possibly can.

—Bill Waters.

June, 1943

Greetings Files on Parade. And the plaudits of the multitude to the air files who have achieved stature in the eyes of the many. To the new Colonel (eagle-type) and the new Light Colonels and Majors, USAF, our heartiest congrats along with many hopes that they do not stop there. At the rate Marty Martin is burning up the airways he is likely to be a general before our godson is old enough to appreciate the fact. Nice going.

To Clare Farley, our Korean cousin, congratulations for the battlefield promote to Major. Copious news is flowing in from all outposts and I shall set it to type as soon as my two fingers permit. Word from out there informs us that Buck Coursey is commanding a fighter squadron in the 8th Fighter Group, APO 929, San Francisco. Also in that same general area is Lou Webster. Bill Glendenning is reported as the Assistant in charge of Schools, Training Div, G-3 Section, Third Army, Atlanta. Bill Scott writes from the RAF College, Cranwell, where he has succeeded Lee Hogan as a Tactics instructor. The full address reads Air Exchange Section, U.S. Air Attache, U.S. Navy No. 100, FPO, New York. Bill says Harriet Ann and the kids are well but acquiring an atrocious Lincolnshire accent. Too late for the last issue I received a Xmas card from Lorres Thomas, now the Engineer in the First ROK Corps. At the same time I received a nice letter from Emmy Lou Scott who reports that after Korean duty at Suwon, Simnak and Pyon-yang, Ralph is now in the PIO Section in FEAF, APO 925.

Will Cover reports himself with IX Corps in Korea as a member of the Corps Artillery. Johnny Moses, our highly efficient and masterfully fluent Fort Sill reporter, makes headlines with another scoop. The following crossed cannons have assignments as indicated. Steve Brown and Ham Carter to VII Corps Arty at Campbell, Kentucky; Dutch Umlauf to the 11th Airborne Div, same

station; Pinky Winfield, Les Hardy, Bill Lutz, Jocko Loughman and Jack Winn to the 2d Armd Div at Hood; Bill Malone to USMA and English Dept; Jake Blatt and Bill Tomlinson to Staff and Faculty of the Arty School; Ed Blount and Harry Schroeder to the 4th Div at Benning; Bob Plett, Ned Burr, Sandy Sembach, Gordy Smith, Johnny Cochran, Archie Hill, Bob Rooker, Jack Butterfield and Stann Ott are in the Blood Bank awaiting overseas shipment somewhere. After some schooling Ned Parker and Jack Teague will join the aforementioned shipment group. J. Moses, reporter, along with Jim Phillips, Chuck Crane, Ed Kremel, Joe Weyrick, stay with Faculty at Sill. Luke Wright joins the Faculty at Bliss, while Larry Pavy goes to the 35th AA Brigade at Meade, Walt Roe to Eucom, Bob Gadd and John Bond to AFF Board No. 4 at Bliss. George Betts and B-dog Spalding go to Sandia Base, New Mexico, and Frank Wood to the Army Security Agency. Thanks a lot, John Moses.

An armored communique opened at this end indicates that Bitter Bill Spahr and the Suave Slav, Stan Staszak are headed for the Army Language School out Monterey way.

In the newly assigned and joined column I seem to have lost my notes. I have with me only two birth notices, one of which states that on October 9th last the Walker Jamar's became the proud parents of Elizabeth Tracy Jamar, while a more recent pink ribbon winner named Junia Denise welcomed as parents the Bob deCamps on January 13. A note from Al and Jean Brown said their new daughter is Brooks Reid, born January 9. Al has figured prominently in a new Air Force Training Film entitled "Air Cadet" in which old Al of 100th Nite Show fame plays the part of a crusty colonel heading an Accident Investigation Board. Look for this thrilling episode of life in the clouds at your neighborhood theater. According to Jean Al is looking towards Hollywood and a nod from the "Oscar" committee.

The other day, almost before anyone had noticed, Art Van Schoick slipped a pair of castles on his lapels and became a full-fledged member of the Corps of Engineers. Bill Naylor, who until recently had been living in style in a downtown New York hotel, has transferred his operations to the Washington area where he will be in Hq USAF. On the sports side Eddie McCabe is helping coach the Rabble in baseball. Last year his assistance bore fruit when Army clinched a tie as head of the Eastern League. Bob Clark helped Army's soccer players to their first undefeated season last fall, while Leo Hayes bolsters the tennis squad. Yours truly gave mental support to the hockey team, which wound up a rather disappointing season upsetting our Royal Canadian cousins for the fourth time in twenty meetings.

June Week is coming around soon. We would like to hear of any of Les Miserables who will be in the area during that festive time. Please inform us of any intended visits. Also, spring and summer is the time when most changes of assignment occur. If you are going elsewhere please let me know before my next deadline of June 15, 1951.

A late flash from Charley Pence says that Dick Stoddard and Cab Brannon are working with him in Central Intelligence. Deak Childs is with the Deputy C/S Personnel, USAF, Dick Shaefer in the office of the Director of Plans, USAF, Jim Keck with the Air Rescue Service, Washington, D. C., Dale Sweat with USAF Officer Assignment Div, USAF, Jack Novak with the Attache Branch, Directorate of Intelligence, USAF, Al Gullion with USAF overseas Branch of Operations, Jock Barickman in the Office of the Secretary of the Army, Bill Peak with the Asst Chief of Staff, G-2, Paul Steinle with

Director of Air Bases, DC/S Ops, USAF, Jim Bower same as Steinle, Lee Hogan Exec of USAF War Plans Div, Roger Kullman Exec of DC/S Operations, USAF, Ted Watkins working on Atomic Energy with DC/S Operations, USAF, Tom Brown with USAF Directorate of Materiel, Dave Chamberlain with USAF Directorate of Installations, Arturo Espallat is Military Attache from the Dominican Republic, Bob Hancock is in the Office of the Secretary of USAF, Joe Huah in USAF War Plans Division, Bob Hersberger in Office of Director of Operations, USAF, Hank Rosness is at Georgetown University, Steve Sherrill with Special Weapons Evaluation Group, Office of Secretary of Defense, Kenney Smith with Director of Operations, USAF, Joe Walsh same as Smitty, Zuppman with Liaison Office of Air Materiel Command.

The following Belvoir products have new assignments as indicated: Frank Dirkes to 35th Engineers and Norm Pehrson to the 32d Engineers both at Camp McCoy, Miit Steinbring, Jim Betts, Johnny Buyers, Joe Chaufy, Dave Conard, and Snuffy Rhea all go to EUCOM, Jug Burrows goes to Clarkson Tech as PMS&T, while Sawyer goes to the same job at Auburn and Frank Smith does likewise at Drexel Institute. Gordy Schraeder goes to the 27th Engineers at Campbell, Bob Mathe to the Antilles Command and Hank Romanek will be on a temporary assignment at Belvoir. Clyde Earnest goes to a Military Advisory Group in Italy while our own Bernie Rogers is G-3ing the Army Field Forces at Monroe. The Shaefer's dropped a nice note indicating that most all of the Washington-Belvoir set listed above gathered at a pink champagne formal affair with dinner at Belvoir on the first of March. Attending with the Washingtonites was Peggy Magathan who is sitting things out in Falls Church while Wally is in Korea. Caroline Shaefer says that the gals of forty-three have been making gay to include a television appearance.

Bill Deekle, reporting from my old Alma Mammy, Rhode Island State College, celebrated the 149th Anniversary in Boston with his PMS&T colleague, Bill Bibby, Ralph Jones, who does the same for Boston College, Gabby Ivan, who is a first year law student at Harvard for the Judge Advocate, and Walker Jamar, who is studying Soil Erosion and Foxhole Prevention for the Engineers at Harvard.

—Dan'l Flannel.

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Bobby Faas has done such a fine job on the class notes for the past year and a half that it is really a challenge to take over at this time. However, Bobby volunteered me for the job and here I am. Please send any information you may have concerning any classmate to Capt. Joe Cutrona, PIO, West Point. We'll try to pass on everything we get.

You'll all be glad to hear that four members of the '44 fraternity have climbed out from behind the hump. Jim Connell is the shining star of the Ground Forces . . . got his majority in Korea. The Air Forces report leaves for Ray Dunn, Rog Hempleman and John Susott.

Jim Douglas seems to be the most loyal of the reporters. He is doing an outstanding job at keeping us informed about classmates in Washington and seems to have spies everywhere keeping him informed on classmates throughout the world. The following is all from Jim. Jack Johnson due to leave D.C. in early May for destination unknown. Mulkey is now helping to run SHAPE in Paris. Irvine took off from Belvoir for Fort Leonard Wood while W. P. Anderson left for Wright-Patterson. Reeves is hitting the books at Illinois, while the

following are due at USMA: Gamble, Wilson, Brunden, Royem and Day. At Sandia Base are Edmunds, Dondanville, Murray and Rhodes. Fairbrother is at Selfridge. Walt Harris is with Army Field Forces Board No. 1 at Fort Bragg. Doc Hayward is at Fort Campbell.

Austin is a student at Ohio State. Farris is at VMI. McElvey holds sway at the Citadel. Sellers is at USAFE. Bartz and Blake are at Mitchel. Bingham is Assistant Attache in Morocco. Coble is with ROTC at MIT. Lamp is with Stanford ROTC. Muller is with the ROTC at Gettysburg. Pugh is with the ROTC at Utah State Agricultural College. Bandy is with ROTC at University of Miami. Myslinski is with USAFE and will end up at the Naval Academy. Czapar is studying Russian at Columbia. Salzer is at Holloman AFB. Fullilove is stationed at Bergstrom AFB. Paul Jones, Ingersoll and Dennen are with Hq. Air Materiel Command. Stieger is in Newfound-land with Northeast Command. Henderson is an instructor at Air Tac School. Sonne is at Hamilton AFB. Mahoney stationed at the University of Michigan. de la Mater, Fitten, Tanner and Merritt are all in or around Korea. Downs at an area language course in Japan. Gerhard is on Formosa. Noland is at Chanute AFB. Rojo Aldrich is now with General Motors as Air Force Liaison at Wright-Patterson. Births reported in Washington include a girl for the Bill Walters about December; a girl for the Marshalls in January; a daughter, Alicia, for the Dunns on February 24 . . . Roberta Dunn insists that weight—8-1—go in her account . . . and a son, Gene III, for the Callaghans on January 20th. To close the Washington report, Grimmeison has been retired medically.

We have a secret informant at Benning who has given us a rundown on assignments of paddfeet finishing the advanced course in April. He insists on remaining anonymous because he's sure he has some of the boys tied up. Incidentally, some of the boys on the list were not in the advanced class but have been stationed at Benning. Here is a rundown: Bob Deeter to AFF Board, Fort Monroe; Bob Strecker to ROTC at CCNY; Bob Daly to TIS, Fort Benning; Max Marshall, Infantry instructor at AG School; Ozzie Duttweiler to ROTC in New Hampshire; Andy DeGraff to 2nd Armored Div; Bob Hurst to ROTC at Univ. of Washington; Fred Black staying at Benning for Advanced Class; Jimmy Adamson is still secretary of TIS; Ed Millington to TIS as instructor along with Bill White; Warren Conlon still at Benning after marching up the aisle with Alice Yancey of Massachusetts on Feb. 10th; Benny Mills also married, to Freida on Jan. 1st; Coots Mitchell engaged to Mary Ann Swing; Ozzie Duttweiler flew to Italy a few months ago and got married—waiting for his wife to join him. Dave Silver is assigned to National Guard Duty in Richmond, Va.

The following members of the doughfoot club are going overseas but will fill the ORC jobs indicated until such time as the officers they are replacing complete their overseas tours: Kern Pitts to Twin Falls, Idaho; Jim Weathers to Raleigh, N. C.; Corbie Truman to Waco, Texas; Jack Hennessey to Flint, Michigan; Tom Tarpley to Indianapolis, Ind.; Charlie Daniel to New York City; John Sullivan to Wilmington, Del.; Tom Lawrence to California. Larkin Tully hopes to join Steve Mulkey at SHAPE. The following are also due for overseas and are being sent to an Airborne Division to sweat out their wait: George Wear; Benny Mills; Clarence Wolfinger; Art Hyman; Bob Selton; Warren Conlon; Coots Mitchell and Bill Enos.

Frank Merritt has quite a war record in Korea. He was awarded the DSC, the Air Medal and a Unit Citation.

We have good news about Bob Flynn. We had heard that he was retired as a result

of wounds but he is OK now and going strong. Dixon Rogers is in Fitzsimons General Hospital in Denver and Ollie Becker at Tripler General in Honolulu, both with Korean wounds. Drop them a line if you get a chance . . . you know what a letter means when you're laid up. Everyone was shocked to hear that Buck Milam, Bob Drake, and Lou Howe were killed in action in Korea. Sympathy hardly seems sufficient at a time like this but we extend our condolences to their families. If any of you are in a position to visit the families, they would probably be happy to see you. Bill Shirey is missing in action in Korea. Chances are good that he will turn up. His wife recently had an addition in the hospital at West Point. Mike Molloy, Carl Peterson and Ollie Patton are still going strong in Korea.

We have received an announcement of the marriage of George Andrew Brown to Joan Elizabeth Stoddard on January 6th in East Liverpool, Ohio. By the way, Lee Smith and George Blanchard were seen acting as aides for General Bradley during his testimony before a Congressional Committee.

John Susott writes that Bob Royem is leaving Randolph Field shortly to attend the Squadron Officers Course at Maxwell. Ev Mire is stationed at Mather Air Force Base. John Sanders is in charge of cadet training for the Air Training Command. Joe Waterman has just finished a semester in advanced juice at Purdue. Charlie Frock has a company at Aberdeen Proving Ground. Howie Tanner took part in the first jet air to air combat in Korea. John also says that he is now the only member of the class left at Randolph Field. He relayed the sad news from Ev Mire that George Davis was killed on Okinawa. Two engines cut out on take-off and when he salvoed his bombs, his own bombs blew up the plane.

West Point has had two new additions. George Pappas has arrived to work on the Sesquicentennial celebration for 1952. J. W. Brown is now the Assistant Adjutant General. Social activities here hit a peak when the Eisenhowers, Carters, Petersons and Morrisons threw a class party at the Hotel Thayer. It's one of the swishest affairs we've seen in many a day—formal, orchestra for dancing, cocktails, supper etc. Everyone had a gay, gay, time. Additions to the growing West Point family include a boy, David, for the Tisdales; a son, Brian for the Bahls; and a son, William for the Gervais! That puts the Gervais clan in the four offspring category.

We have a little more dope on assignments. Rod Lindell was assigned (on Army orders) to Salzburg, Austria, with the headquarters of an Air Group. Bud Partridge is going from Knox to the 2nd Armored Division at Ft. Hood, Texas. Beeter is assigned to Sandia Base. Forney is staying on at Ft. Bliss with the 1st Guided Missile Regiment.

That's the report on the class for this writing. Keep the information coming in . . . we've probably missed a lot of items of interest. If you're thinking of the hump, look to Connell, Dunn, Hempleman and Susott for solace in the thought of what is to come.

—J. F. H. C.

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BABY DEPARTMENT—We told you last month that we expected the John C. Bennetts and the Kennas to make the next issue with another news item and they have. Each Jean has presented her spouse with a baby girl. Judith MacKenzie Bennett "debuted" on January 12, and Susan Kay Kenna arrived on March 8th. In addition to their other laurels, the Bennetts are a cinch as the

most euphonious family in the class with John, Jean, Jack, Jill, and Judy. Match that! However for the neatest trick of the month (and still in the baby department) we give you Nancy MacKinnon who got her money's worth from her hospital by having measles and a baby boy (second) simultaneously. Good girl, Nance. She and young Stephen Ross came through tough. This was on March 1st. Bob is still with the Airborne School at Benning. He visited WP briefly during December. Barb and Arch Arnold also make this issue with the same item. A girl, Barbara Treat Arnold, February 14. We don't have the name or date on this one, but it was a girl for Bob and Mary Lochry too. Bob is with Mechanics Department here. And Bunny Garmann made it 5 of a kind for the class with Anne Wyndham on January 29, 1951. George is with Social Sciences here, and Bunny still looks as if she should be modeling with Conover or Powers. Now back to Benning. Information is not complete but a baby boy for Kitch and Lynn Josey has not yet made the column. Nor has young T. D. Drake Junior. Tom is still with Infantry School Weapons Section, and we understand that Pat has taken up her singing again with a radio appearance on "Benning in Review". Another Georgia Junior is Robert N. Ives. Another baby girl for Barbara and Nick Carter; name Elizabeth. Down at Fort Bliss, Sugar and Buster Hayden made it one of each when Glen Moore arrived on February 8. Loretta and Andy Favret were joined by little Andy in September. They have bought a home in El Paso since Andy is with Guided Missiles at Bliss. Down at Knox the Gordy Allen's first arrived recently. Gordy is at Advanced Armored School there. Out in Denver Mac and Margie MacDonald announce Mary Susan as of February 14. Mac is out of the Army and in the insurance business there. Over in Madrid, Senor Robert Gordon Krebs Junior increased the Army colony by one on January 31st. Bob is with the Embassy there. There are some other little strangers to be introduced, but they will better fit into the following paragraphs so let's close this one with a booming "Welcome" to all new members.

CITATIONS: The credit lines promised last month go to Rosanne McQuarrie for most of the Benning news; Bunny Hall for Bliss and random items; Wilbur Pugh complained of the dearth of Air Force coverage and did something about it; Bo Lewis pin pointed the Engineers; and will explain Howie Baldwin's contribution shortly. Thank you all.

BENNING AGAIN: Joe and Nancy McCarthy here with the 4th Division. "Meathead" Campbell ordered to Korea. Kitch Josey with Weapons Section, TIS. John Powers ordered here with TIS. He and Kitty have a family of 3 children, including one of the class' few sets of twins. Jim Root and McGovern have recently finished the Advanced Course and will remain at Benning for station. Pete Spragins with Ranger company of 45th Division. Frank McPeck also completed Advanced and goes to ORC duty in Austin, Texas. Paul Holland there now, too, but expecting orders. Chuck and Becky Knudsen about to complete three years at TIS where Chuck is with the Tactics Department. Understand he is presently working on a training film. Frank and Joan Kane and the four kids are recent arrivals. Frank is with Airborne School, as are John Neff, Jim Morris, and Tom McCunniff. Tom and Nina were co-hosts at a terrific beer bust on Saint Patrick's Day that undoubtedly was a hum-dinger. Hoffman, Daoust, and McGovern also here.

AIR FORCE NEWS: Wilbur Pugh deserves first mention since he is the origin of this part. He is now at Ellington AFB, Texas at navigators' school. His biggest news was his own baby announcement which is not recent but still unannounced. Michel

Christine, born June 1, 1949. Also learning to navigate after having flown six years without that knowledge are J. F. Allen, Walt Carter, and Chuck Moran. Schaffner has just finished the course there and is now at Mather AFB, California. J. M. Broughton is enroute to Korea. Dan Farr has already earned his laurels there with a Purple Heart and a DFC to his credit. He was wounded by ground fire but managed to make it back to the base. W. P. Brown is going to Officers Communications Course at Scott AFB, where W. F. Gilbert and Fite are in personnel branch of Training Command Headquarters. J. M. Fitzpatrick has survived several crashes flying jets with undimmed enthusiasm. He is at Wright-Patterson. Gault has been a beaver out at Lackland AFB, going to law school at nights. Now has his degree. Willie Moran at Ohio U; Galligan at Vance AFB; Wilkinson at Rapid City AFB; Bob Spragins at Las Vegas AFB, about to assume responsibility for a wife; Pine got out some time ago and is in Costa Rica. Wilbur obligingly located Frank Lish for us in Spokane AFB where he was assigned after seeing action in Korea. Rochfort also there. Here at WP Larry Jones had a long report from Russ Talianferro now at Clark Field, P. I. after flying 130 F-80 missions in Korea. He mentioned having seen Dirck Westervelt, both Danny and J. T. Farr, Nat King, and George Crowell while he was there. (Apologies to "moles" for putting you in this section.) We know from his parents that George has been in action with the airborne since they first went in there. We had a card from Boots Blesse with the surprise news that he had been in Korea since the first of November. He flew 22 missions and then was sent for three weeks as a front line controller for fighters. "If it's always like this up front, I'm sure more thankful than ever I'm in the Air Force."

HERE AND THERE: Howie Baldwin complied with the info request on our Christmas Card with a fat letter and then in mid March followed it up with an in person appearance here on The Rock. He had decided not to waste time getting his master's at Ohio State, so went to work and finished up the course four or five months early. While he was on leave here in the East, he got his orders for Monmouth where he and Lynn, Carolyn (3) and Lee (2) should be settled when you read this. Also at Ohio in the same course were Cookman and McFadden. Harvey Boyd studying law at Georgetown. He and Ginny have bought a house in Alexandria. Near neighbors of theirs are Marian and Johnny Myron. Ed and Tevi Winthrop, who were married last June, are now at Monmouth. Paddy Driscoll finished at Ohio last Summer and was to have been married last January. No details. Now stationed in New Mexico. Hugh Oppenheimer (out of the Army) has a master's from U.C.L.A. in motion picture production and is now living on Long Island. He is now producing training films at Astoria. Betty and Phil Lansing are at Lafayette, Indiana, where he is attending Purdue. Called Bob Tongue's folks on a recent trip to N.Y. and learned that Bob and wife are now in Manhattanville, Kansas, where Bob is on ROTC duty with Kansas State College. Jim Howe to be married to Nancy McDonald on March 31 in Lynchburg, Virginia. A note from Lucy Lee Shoaff discloses that she and the two children are with Lucy's family in Monterey while Leroy, in Germany, sweats out quarters. Tommy Maertens writes that the Class had a joint party with '44 at Belvoir on March 31st. Al Hero is in Secy of Defense Office. Bob and Bunny Hall living in a "dream cottage" on the beach at La Jolla. Bob attending a GM course at Convair. They return to Bliss in May. From Bunny's letter I'd say that California has several more converts. Peggy Haley and Dick, also of Fort Bliss, are at present on TDY at Monmouth in Radar School. George Eyster is in Korea with an Inf Regt of the 3rd Div.

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ision. Harriet, with family, in Washington. George wrote, "Johnny Jones killed assaulting a hill with grenades after watching Bob Starr get cut down on the same hill". Eddie McCarron's mother wrote us that she had seen Betty, Bob's widow, in Arlington, where she is living with her family and little Bob. Said she was very brave and understandably proud of Bob. Joan Stewart presented "K" with a second son just a few weeks before he left for Korea. Van Hout with him in the 187th Regt Combat team. Joanne and Dick Carnes at Sill with TAS. Ginger and Wally Witwer at Sandia. Hal Moore and Julie at Fort Bragg. They were married in November '49. Peggy Sprinkle and little Sandy going to settle with Col. and Mrs. S. somewhere near Fort Riley. Marjorie Crawford living at Drexel Hill in Philly. Jim Herbert, Al Herman, and Paul Nelson in the Rangers. Wakefield and Betty Williams married March 2. A Christmas card from Bev re-instated the George Wallaces as being among the living and added another to the number. Jane Bonnycastle. George was (in December) in General Taylor's office in Berlin. Ben Wier still in Korea. Kay in Arkansas. Joyce and Ace Parker still coining their own money down in Gadsden, Alabama. Faye and Dale Hall still turning out athletes at Purdue. We saw Peggy and Ward Dworshak in Washington in December. They were there for a vacation from Twin Falls, Idaho (Pop 2,000) where Ward has a dealership in farm machinery. Both look very well, but Peggy complains a little about that hectic existence after the calm Washington life. At a Belvoir party given by Elizabeth and John Linden (there visiting John's family) we saw Waldo Carbonell, Bo Lewis, Jerry Briscoe (with historical section, Pentagon) and the beautiful Nancy. At a later visit in February we visited Dick Wallsten's bachelor flat, just around the corner from Blair House, for martinis and some not so close harmony with Dick, and Bee and Harle Damon. And speaking of Damon and martinis (there is an inseparable connection), he now has a curb service on them. Ken Blood still in Walter Reed and by no means mobile yet, so unable to navigate the three flights to Harle and Bee's Arlington apartment. So Susan, piled him in the car one afternoon and drove him over and the four of them had a cocktail party right there in the car conveniently adjacent to the gutter. Hmmm. Susan had joined Ken just after Christmas. Another class beauty, she. Willy Clark now with 9th Corps G-3 section in Korea. Here at W.P. Bill Ochs is now aide to the Supe and Bob Stetkluh has arrived to take over the laundry.

Bo Lewis, who is aide to the CG at Belvoir, gave us this run down on the class intellectuals—i.e. engineers. At Belvoir are the following: Barnes, Brownell, Curry, Henshaw, Henderson, McGuinness, Moore, Mueller, Rochfort, Ruth, Shumard, Stewart, Ugis, and Worthington (all with Engr RTC); Adams, Atkins, Burnell, Eckstrom, Graham, Hardin, Gardiner, Hesse, Jones, Klima, Love, Mabry, McBride, Nelson, O'Hanlon, Sheppard, Stumpe, (all at Advanced course); Rhett and Harmon are in Office of Chief of Engrs; and Kratz and West are in Research and Development Labs. The following are now at ERTC at Fort Leonard Wood: Barr, Bush, Clymer, Dietsche, Giland, Hadzima, Hughes, and Rankin.

SIGN OFF: There was certainly no dearth of news this issue which made it an easy one to write. Left us little fill in space though. Only the vital statistics. Present plans of the social committee of Troxell, Garman, and Jones for June Week include a picnic at Constitution Island on Sunday afternoon and a dinner dance on Monday night—graduation eve. We hope all within a reasonable distance will help celebrate a happy sixth. Get in touch with anyone here for additional poop. See you then.

—Jim Alfonse.

FIFTH REUNION—This is the last issue to be published before June Week 1951. As reported in the last issue of *Assembly* the committee is formed and the class functions have been arranged. When you get to West Point go to Alumni Hq. and from there you will progress through a joyous reunion with friends and classmates. There is little else that needs saying. I hope that everyone is able to enjoy a gay reunion.

CLASS FUND—Already the response to my request for the establishment of a Class Fund has begun. The fund has already grown to a total of \$14. I have received about a letter a day since most of the class received their copies of the Jan. '51 *Assembly*. The day of writing this column is Mar 19, '51. Special mention should go to Jack Whitener for his \$5 contribution and Colonel John J. Baker, father of F. R. Baker, who also sent along a dollar with Baker's contribution.

I extend, for his classmates, the deepest expression of sympathy and understanding to Sam Walker and his family because of the death of his father the late General W. H. Walker, USMA 1912. For the class, I also



Alper Munkres receiving Monk's posthumous awards.

want to express our sympathies to the family of James M. Becker, who died in Korea Nov 24, '50 as announced in the Jan '51 issue of *Assembly*. I don't know any details about Jim's death, so I can not report them.

An article in the paper states that Capt. R. L. Gruenther was wounded in action. Let's hope it was not too serious, Dick. Joe Park and Ben Boyd were both wounded and evacuated according to Bill Seeber. Let's hope for rapid recovery. From the Class of 1946 to the Classes of '45, '47, '48, '49, and '50, I want to say we share alike with you the regretful losses of your classmates in Korea. It seems from reports that your classmates have been hit the hardest so far.

Phyllis Yancey wrote me another one of her very informative letters about Bill and others. Bill and Phyllis left Okinawa last June and got to the USA on July 2, 1950. They went to Langley Fld only to find their squadron assigned to New Castle County Airport, Delaware. So off to Wilmington. Three months later and after check-out in the F-86 Sabre, Bill was ordered somewhere overseas—your guess is as good as mine. As of Dec 14 Phyllis had not yet heard from him, but I hope by now she has. Patty and Johnny Castle have another child—Jennifer, born in Sept. Johnny was then at school, Maxwell

Fld, Ala. but now should be at Moses Lake, Wash. Fran and Charlie Parsons also have a second child—a son. Both the Castles and the Parsons now each have one son and one daughter. Charlie, Hal Williams and Bob Miller also are at Maxwell Fld. Hoby Gay volunteered for duty in Korea—and got it. He's an F-80 pilot with the 49th fighter-bomber group. His wife Janie and their son were supposed to fly to Japan and live with Mrs. Gay, Hoby's mother, and the wife of Maj. Gen. H. R. Gay then C.G., 1st Cav. Div. Bob and Jo Clemenson are proud parents of their third daughter, Carey, born in Nov. They are stationed at Williams Fld, Ariz. Doris and Bob Eichenberg and their two daughters are living at Chandler, Arizona.

Again the class of 1946 scores in an issue of "The Saturday Evening Post". Bob, Kitty, and "Duke" Walsh had their pictures in a recent issue. Kitty is doing Gray Lady work in Japan while Bob flies in, out, and over Korea. I'm going to condense a story about Bob that apparently happened on July 2, 1950. He was strafing troops and tanks around the Han river east of Seoul, when suddenly he noticed 3 or 4 tanks parked in a clump of trees on the south side of the river. He wanted to get them so he kept his sights on the target too long and didn't notice the trees until he got down to 10 feet going over 400 mph. When Bob saw the trees, he pulled up, but still brushed the tops, damaging the left wing and scraping the paint off the bottom of his wings. Later on, while hitting more troops, he picked up a lot of ground fire and suddenly his cockpit filled with smoke; he told the boys he was hit and was going to try to get home—he did!!

Bill Seeber is a QMC Capt. with the Personnel Sect., Hq. 8th Cav. Regt. in Korea. Shortly after he left Japan his wife, Eunice, gave birth to a son, Timothy William, on Aug 5, '50. Eunice and the baby are still living at Camp Zama, Japan. Harriet Pomerantz wrote from Corozal, Canal Zone, to let us know who is down there from '46. Her husband Reub is now a Capt. and Chief of Stock Control for the QM. He had the Purchasing and Contracting Section before. They live at Albrook Air Force Base. Apparently there was a shortage of Army quarters, but several vacant Air Force sets. So the USAF loaned some to the Army—very kind indeed. Harriet and Reub see Benny Chase and Jerry Moore once in awhile. Benny is with the 504th F.A. Bn at Fort Kobbe, C.Z. and Jerry is Aide to General Porter at Fort Amador, C. Z.

Joe and Gene Buzhardt now have a son, J. F. B., III born Dec. 4. The family now totals 4, including their daughter Linda. Joe has been a civilian since June 1950 and is in Law School. It is possible this set-up has changed by now. Other births—Second son, Ralph Corliss, born to Capt. and Mrs. Ralph LaRock on Jan. 26, 1951, at Ft. Bliss, Texas. A son, Stephen, born Jan. 11, 1951, to the Steve Matejovs out in Alameda, Calif. A son, Marc Alan, born to Joe and Tomi Castelli on Jan. 2, 1951 at Fort Bragg, N.C. Joe is S-3, 2nd Bn. Prov. Tng. Regt, 82nd Abn. Div.

Capt. Jack Whitener is still single and CO of Co. A, 509th AIR, 82nd Abn. Div. Bill Young is an Ass't Regt'l S-3 of the Prov. Tng. Regt., 82nd Abn. Div. Capt. Francis R. Baker is with L Co., 16th Inf. EUCOM. I received another post card from George Bailey, quote, "Fellow citizens and children of God, Get down on your knees and pray for the Army!—Bailey has Been Ordered Back To Duty—1st Lt. G. R. Bailey, Jr. 02201338, Pers Cen, Ft. Lawton, Seattle POE, Seattle, Wash".

Larry Ingham is with Hq, 6th Army, as aide to the Deputy Army Cmdr. at Presidio. Since his return from Japan (Nov '49) he and Provenzano were together at Fort Ord, and then at Fort Scott with the 60th AAA

AW Bn, since Sept '50. Provenzano should be in England now, having left in Jan '51. Tom and Mille P. have a baby boy, Richard Thomas. Larry met Ray Wagoner, Felices, Van Sickle, MacWilliams, and Jerry Halloran at the Army-Stanford game. Halloran is ADC to BG Berry, CG Western AA Cmd. Provenzano and Ingham are about the only AA boys who are not back at Bliss.

Hei Heiberg sent me some pictures of Alper Munkres receiving Monk's posthumous awards on Dec 1, '50. (See cut.) It seems that Heiberg, who is Adjutant of the Air Base Group at Bolling Fld, Wash, D.C. and therefore responsible for the presentation, also asked for the job of being Alper's escort. He is also our only classmate at Bolling. Accordingly, on Dec 1, the base commander, Col. Henry J. Amen, presented Alper with Monk's Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, and Purple Heart, at an impressive ceremony. Hei feels it was an honor to be as remotely connected with the ceremony as he was.

John Pitts was at Bolling last summer for five months. He had been in Walter Reed with a broken leg. He served with the U.S. Air Force Ceremonial Squadron, but last Nov. got the opportunity to return to the 20th Fighter-Bomber Gp, his old outfit at Shaw Air Force Base. John is still a bachelor and seems quite happy about life as it is.

Ray Wagoner is presently on TDY at Treasure Island with the Navy taking a short course in Radiological Defense. From June '49 to June '50 he was at the Univ. of Illinois getting a Master's Degree in Civil Engineering and now is with this Nuclear Physics deal. Ray's regular assignment is with the Sacramento District Engineer. He's working at Folsom Dam on the American River, 20 miles north of Sacramento.

Elmo Cunningham married Genevieve Belt of Weston, W. Va. in Oct. 1949. He has been in his present assignment as Instructor, Gunnery Dept, AA & GM Br., Ft. Bliss for over a year. He is scheduled to attend the forthcoming Advance Artillery Course. Lawrence Miller is Executive Ass't to the Chief of the Ordnance, Rocket Center, Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, Alabama.

Your reporter, France, attended a meeting of the Western N.Y. Society of West Point (Buffalo) in honor of the 149th anniversary of the founding of the Academy. Honor guests were Cadets Al Pollard and Ben Brian and Capt. Joe Cutrona, '44, Ass't Public Relations Officer at W.P. Joe showed films of the 1950 football season. Pollard said the Army is out to beat Navy in 1951 for sure.

On behalf of the Association of Graduates I want to urge all non-members to join. If you know a classmate who is not a member of the Association why not ask him to write for details about membership. Here's to a joyous 5th Reunion for all classmates everywhere in the world. Best of luck!

—S. E. H. F.

1947

During the past three months only two letters have been sent me; one from Jim Edgington, the other from Dave Dunham.

Jim brings us up to date on a good many classmates in the Far East Command. His outfit (the 27th) arrived in Korea last July. Bill Nairn had "E" Company, Bob King had "G" Company, Dave Gibson was 2nd Bn S-2 and Jim had Regimental Hq. Co. Charlie Munford was General V. Wilson's aide, Dave Gibson was declared missing in action in the last part of July in their first action—let's all hope for the best for him. Nairn was hit in the leg in September and there is no further news of him. Bob King came

down with yellow jaundice in November but Jim believes he is up and around now. Munford returned to the States with Gen. Wilson after the general was injured in an air accident in December. At the time the letter was written (Jan. 19) Jim was 2nd Bn S-2 after having "H" Co. through most of the show. Others Jim has seen include Al Geraci, who is now Jim's Bn Commo Officer, Hal Grossman is with the 25th Div. Signal Co. Bob McAdoo has "A" Co. of an Engr. Regt. Bob Peckham was with Jim's Division Tank Bn. but was injured in the fighting up north and in January was back in Japan in the hospital. Bob is married to the former Doris Galloway. The wedding took place about a year ago. Bill McGee is still with the Tank Bn. The last Edgington had heard, Ike Snyder was C.O. of a Div. Ordnance Co. Don Burton was badly wounded in September. No further word has been heard from him. Jim reports that LeRoy Majeske was killed in action in September. Lee will be missed by all of us. Our sincerest condolences to his family. Edgington also heard that both Bill Coghil and Wayne Hauck were wounded.

A New Year's card from Dave Dunham informs us that he and Ruth had a baby girl, Pamela Jane, born Dec. 23. At that time, Bill Kuykendall, Dave O'Dell, Jack Mallory, and John Lowry were all at Navigation and Bombardment School in Houston but all expected to be sent to Mather AFB on the 1st of Feb. for further training. John and Betty Kirby were then in Houston also. They have a 2nd child, a girl, who arrived in October. Jack and Ann Pearce and their young daughter are at the University of Illinois.

Dan Tate is now an advertising salesman for *Life Magazine* in their Cleveland Office. Any class correspondence (and we need a lot more news of the class) should be addressed to—D. L. Tate, *Life Magazine*, 615 Hanna Bldg., Cleveland 15, Ohio.

—D. L. T.

1948

Again the time rolls around. Three months between issues goes pretty fast but there is a lack of news this time. Only a few letters from you—wonder what Tommy Richardson has found out in Panama or what Jim Allen in Hawaii is doing. Thanks for all the Christmas Cards however.

A letter from Korea with information about some of the boys says that Jack Doody is a Company C.O., has been awarded the Bronze Star. His wife is in Japan very busy with some kind of work. Phil Day is a Captain and Jennie, I believe, is back in the States. John Watkins was killed while flying a mission sometime in January. Jack Chitty is a Captain and his wife Liz is still in Japan. John Maple was seriously wounded in the breakout of the Mukdong pocket but is doing much better at present. His wife was in Japan when he was evacuated and that helped matters tremendously. Al Alfonso is a Company C.O. and has received the Silver Star, Bronze Star with cluster and the Purple Heart. Bill Patch is still slugging in a rifle Company, while Helena, his wife, is still in the States taking care of William Ashbrook Patch III. T. K. Ross was killed when his patrol was ambushed near Seoul. Jim Blakeslee is Assistant S-3 of one of the Battalions in an Inf Regt. McGraw is a Captain in the same Regt. Ken Ruddy and Stub Clarke are both Captains. Haven't heard much from either, but Ken has a little baby girl. Terry is still in Texas taking care of the youngin'. John Wadsworth is a Captain, Tom Hoffman was wounded, evacuated to the States and promoted to Captain. John Steinberg is now

in Korea, having gone there with a Puerto Rican outfit. Ray Bloom was killed with the 7th shortly after the Division arrived.

Walker Bradshaw died of polio while in combat in Korea. Haven't heard any details at all. A letter from Tom Jones announces the birth of T. T. Jones, Jr. in January at the Station Hospital in Yokohama.

Tom writes of an experience that might prove interesting to the rest of the Class and since there isn't much other news that I have it will help.

"As to myself, I took a conducted tour of the North Korean rear area as a prisoner of war after being captured on a hill about 8 miles north of Taegu on September 10. We got to the top of the hill on September 3 and were hit pretty hard with a banzai and in the confusion the company was split up. With 8 others I hid in a ravine for 7 days, but when our own aircraft started coming a little close after the 4th straight day of strafing, we moved on down the hill, hoping to cut to our right and reach the coast, or possibly run into some South Koreans. We had nothing to eat for 7 days except one piece of gum each, and about 11 A.M. on the 10th of September we were sleeping, more from weakness than anything else, when about 40 of the North Koreans accidentally walked up on us. They couldn't figure out how we got there because by that time they had pushed their lines forward about 8 to 10 miles. We had a heck of a time convincing them we didn't come in by parachute. To sum it up briefly, we walked to within 3 miles of the 38th parallel, which made a jaunt of about 200 miles for us. By that time there were 14 Americans in our group, and 300 South Koreans. It got so that pure white rice, hot or cold, became a delicacy, as we usually got plain boiled wheat or oats. The oats I could eat, but the wheat just didn't appeal to me. Anyway on the night of October 1, four of us escaped from the column due to the confusion among the North Koreans. We hid for one night in a school house and then moved to a farm house until October 3 when we collared some civilians. They took a message to our lines and that night we were again safe and sound in our lines."

Charley Nash was married in Frankford, West Virginia, to Mary Musser on the 18th of February, and J. L. Jones was married to Mary Hackett in Heidelberg, Germany on the 20th of January.

Keep those letters coming . . .

—Charley Nash,
Alderson, West Virginia.

1949

News, though scant, came from both the Far East and Germany this quarter. I think it should be noted that the boys in Korea are finding time to keep us better informed than is any group elsewhere. For that I think we all are appreciative.

John Hodes was one of the boys from Korea who found time to drop us a line. General Allen made an aide out of John some time ago, and in his present duties he is able to keep in contact with many of the boys over there. John inclosed in his letter much news on the status of classmates serving in Korea. John lists the following as being in Korea as of December 13: Adrian Brian, John Forrest, Ross Johnson, Huck Long, Bob Lynch, Jim Scholtz, Lewis Zickel, Harold Anderegg, John Fatum, Pannel Hickey, Bill Hoffman, Bill Marslender, Dick Morton, Larry Ogden, Dick Tobin, Art Gerometta, Ulmont Kendree, Gus Meyerson, John Wightman, Frank Sarsfield, Louis Bush, Seth Day, Ted Marley, Dick Fitzgeraid, Herb Hoot, Chuck Lee, Jim Wood, Art

Kingdom, John McDonald, Ernst Roberts, Al Turner, Snuffy Smith, Bob Springer, Steve Nunnally, Bill Rank, Dick Wagner, Dean Dickinson, and John Bender. Many of us got first notice that John was General Allen's aide when, in an AP news dispatch, a Lt. Hodes of San Antonio, Texas, was mentioned as accompanying General Allen when he came upon many U.S. soldiers who had been killed in the tunnel massacre several months ago.

Another letter from Korea came from Don Gower, written on the same day Hodes wrote, December 13. Don left the States on September 3, right after the birth of his daughter, Deborah Anne. He landed at Inchon, where he served as a forward observer. During the first assault on Seoul he was attached to Lou Bauman's and Curt Ander's company. Don wrote that Lou was one of the first platoon leaders across the Han River. Don quoted Curt as saying "our training really prepared us for this magnificently". Curt was later slightly wounded but has since rejoined his company and Don later became Assistant Ex of his battery.

Dick Morton was the third of the Korea boys to keep us informed. His letter, written on Christmas Day, came from a point 5 miles east of Seoul. With Dick were Joe Hickey, Dick Tobin, Willie Hoffman, and Andy Anderegg. Art Gerometta, who had stopped in to see the boys on that day, told them of his experiences getting out of the trap at Unsan. Dick became engaged last summer to Maryanne Muehlhof of Pottsville, Pennsylvania, and plans to get married in July. From other sources we have heard that Dick has received a Silver and a Bronze Star—about the first that we have heard awarded to a '49er; also, that Tom Hardaway has been awarded a Bronze Star posthumously.

The casualty list has lengthened since the last issue. Those who have been listed as killed in action are Sam Coursen, Roger Fife, Les Kirkpatrick, Roger Kuhlman, and George Tow. Roger Kelly died of a Japanese bee disease. Those who have been reported as wounded are Bill Marslender, Louis Bush, Curt Anders, John Forrest, Frank Sarsfield, Harry Maihafer, Bob Ritchie, John Hayes, Bill Rank, Norm Hopkins, Bob Fallon, Reed Jensen, Joe Toomey, who was also reported as captured by the Chinese, Lew Messenger, Al Turner, and Bernie Rosen. John Ragucci and Joe Giddings have been listed as missing in action. May we say "Be Thou At Peace" to those who have died, wish the wounded speedy and full recoveries, and be hopeful that the missing will turn up soon none the worse for their experiences.

From Germany came word from Bart Day. He and Irene are now in Wetzlar where they were fortunate in finding a swell apartment. Bart wrote that the one thing they really lack over there is ranges. In order to get room to shoot they have to go about 100 miles. This, as Bart says, "is why our wives so often feel as if they have no husbands". Included in Bart's letter was news that Skeeter Meek pulled a fast one recently. He returned to the States on emergency leave and returned to Germany with a wife, the former Barbara Jean Baker.

Bart gave the whereabouts of many of the boys in Europe and I'll pass this information on to you: In addition to the Days at Wetzlar are Petranck, Keith Huber, and Meek. In Sonthofen are Surut, the Lombards, the Rogers. Don Thompson is in Fussen. Howell, the Battrealls, the Kimballs and the Andreens are at Fitzlar. At Straubing are the Rusts, the Stocktons, and the Williamsons. Jim Wroth is at Degerndorf and at Augsburg are the Teece's and the Tom Williams. Also in the vicinity are Ogden Jones, Kemble, the Magnottis, the Hillman Dickinsons, the Bundys, the Clarkes, and the Whistlers.

News of the Air Force is very scant. Bill Schlosser stopped by in January and at that time believed he was headed for the Far East with a B-26 outfit. No further word from him, however. Bill had heard that Jimmy Spry was flying F-84's in Korea but no further confirmation on that.

John Miller was recently at Wright-Patterson, up from Alamogordo. He, Jack Albert, Dave Parrish, and Bud Wynne are all working in the guided missile program. Don Swanke is now at Sandia, having recently been transferred to the Atomic Energy Commission.

Births to report are Carol Winter Lewis to Carolyn and Malcolm, Gloria Ann Cronin to Gloria and Tim, Carl Bartley Day to Irene and Bart, Becky Miller to Jan and John, and George Parrish to Marge and Dave.

While in St. Louis in December I ran into Hank Foldberg at the airport. Henry, who is now with "Stu" Holcomb at Purdue, is still his same big, smiling self. No doubt he got a big bang out of one Purdue game last fall, the Notre Dame upset.

John Saalfeld has volunteered to take over the duties of the *Assembly* news editor for the Class. As you know, John and Til are now the possessors of the Cup and, as John wrote, are anxiously awaiting visitors to view both the Cup and our Godson. Let's help John get off to a good and easy start by providing him with news from the four corners. His address is John I. Saalfeld, 700 Hyde Avenue, Ridgway, Pennsylvania.

—Gus.

1950

Hi gang. This will have to be a short article as I will not be around here come dead-line time, so I'll have to get the news out now (February instead of March). I'll be back for the following issue, so I'll be able to catch up then.

The latest word from Korea adds a few more names to our already too long casualty list. Willie Coates and Carter Hagler have been listed as KIA, Bill Eichorn and Lloyd Mielenz have been wounded, and Ken Tackus has been listed as MIA. Bob Wood's (ex '50) father has written that Bob has been listed as MIA, but the family believes him to be a POW.

From Kitty Driesonstok's "The Daily Stok", I read that with the Infantry in the 7th Div. are Mangas, Holcomb, Lange, Chambers, Chandler and Mastaglio. Supporting the doughboys in the F.A. are Reinken, Barnes, C. C. Martin, Harold, "Doc" Watson, and Cox. Les Holcomb ran into Tom Barry in the Officers Mess at Pusan, and also saw Hal Nabhan, who is with the Signal outfit in the 7th. Continuing with poop from the "Stok", husband Toady managed to climb out of his beloved cess-pool to receive the Bronze Star; Jim Boylan and Ding Price got together in Seoul; Lou Genuario is slowly recovering from his wounds; Ed Kennedy made the 3rd Div. newspaper "The Front Line" with his exploits on "how he single-handedly dispatched 10 of the enemy and frightened off an estimated 70 other". Thanks Kitten for all the poop. So far you've been my biggest source of news.

Dick Rein writes that he's with the 2nd Div. and things are "well". Dick has obviously been around by the fact that he has seen John Murphy, Harry Dodge (who was wounded in the arm), Al Fern, Dud Fisher, Dave Carlisle and Bill DeGraff. Dick mentioned that most of them had received their Silver Bars.

Chuck Butler, in the 3rd Div., writes from a hospital ship and says that his "sitting" muscles are in bad shape as a result of a stray bullet. While on the ship Chuck ran

into Don Langren who was being released after having a bad cold. Don's stationed with Arty Recon attached to the 3rd.

From the "garden spot of the Pacific"—Okinawa, Bill Read and Jim Kelly send us word that they arrived safely and are with Ward Wheaton, Brinkerhoff, and Dave Cameron, all assigned to the Engineers. Their comments on the situation are that the work hasn't been too strenuous, but then neither has the social life.

Letters to me, via Kitty's "Stok", from Alaska say that Pierson, Stefanik, Farrell, Eshelman and Coyle are able to get together occasionally and keep the old body antifreezed. I wonder what they mean by that?

EUCOM provides us with our next bit of info, and letters from the Bill Hinds, Bob Hughes and the Al Crawfords gives us the latest on some of the gang over there. The Hinds from Vienna write that all is well. The Hughes are stationed in Stuttgart with the Engineers, and with them are Rogers, Ewan, Wondolowski, and Snoko. Pat Tisdale and Ray Hansen were around but have ventured off elsewhere. With the Signal at Stuttgart are the Tutledges, Leary, Jim Ross Wagoner, the Reed Davis', the Buccolos, the Banisters and George Fullerton. The Crawfords add a few names to the Signal Corps list, those being Wassenberg, Waddell, and Kindig. They all seem to be very happy and are all very pleased with the whole set up in Europe. I ran into Tug Greer's brother (a plebe) yesterday and the young mister said that Tug was with the 1st Div. in Europe.

Most of the news from the States centers around West Point and vicinity, with a word or two from the boys at Bragg. Johnnie Weaver, at Bragg, writes that the Roswell Rounds are the proud parents of a baby girl. This is the first baby that I've heard of. Are there any others?

Over the holidays and up to the present, West Point has been a beehive of activity. Nate Gallagher and Bo Boehm were married on Dec. 28. Acting as ushers were Bob Hoover and Bill Sweidel, up from Sherman, Texas, Jim Thompson and myself. Just a side-light from Sherman—Doris Peck and Eddie Melton were married on Dec. 31 and are now living in Pasedena, Texas. Bill Schwoob was also married here, over the holidays, and Ted York and Tom Casserly were on hand to help Bill through with a 3.0 performance. Johnnie Streit managed to take the big step over in East Orange.

Prominent members of the class to visit the campus for reasons other than matrimony have been Ralph Pinto, Irv Steinberg, Len Garrett, Ed Gradoville, Rufe Smith, and Andy Hubbard. Ralph, Irv and Len were up here to help the boys boning Signal Corps, and from what I can gather from the First Class they all did a good job. Ed Gradoville was on his way to England with the CAC to help protect some of the fly boys over there. With Ed's outfit was Johnnie Cragin. Rufe was up from Walter Reed, where he is recuperating from Korea, and managed to spend a week-end doing the town with Jimmy Thompson and myself. Rufe had nothing but praise for the guys over in Korea. Andy Hubbard was up from Texas looking for a car and was able to log some sack time on our day couch.

Al Fern and Phil Samsy have been awarded Silver Stars in Korea. The USAF has announced '50's first flight training death—Jim Smyly.

Must close and pack to go to South America. Jim and I made the Pentathlon Team and are off to Buenos Aires for about a month to compete in the Pan American games. That's the reason for such a short article.

A few contributions have come in for Dianne Holly, Lynn Camp's fiancée. Now that the ball is rolling let's keep it that way. OK?

—Zero.

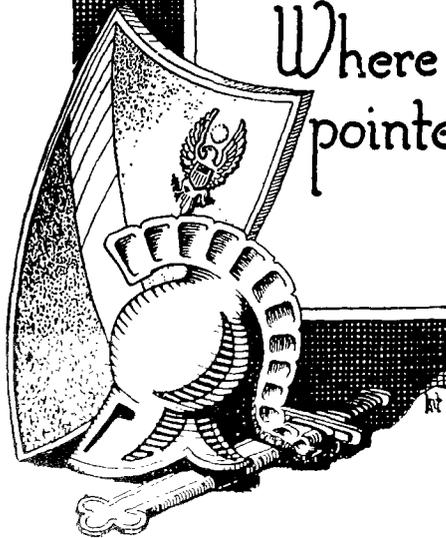
LAST ROLL CALL

Reports of deaths of graduates and former cadets received since the publication of the January 1951 Assembly.

Name	Class	Date of Death	Place of Death
Thomas G. Hanson	1887	May 23, 1945	Oakland, California
Peter C. Harris	1888	March 18, 1951	Washington, D. C.
Harold P. Howard	1891	March 1, 1951	Minneapolis, Minn.
Edward H. Schulz	1895	March 4, 1951	Berkeley, California
Edmund L. Zane	1902	January 22, 1951	Near Robles del Rio, California
Charles B. Moore	1903	January 26, 1951	Texarkana, Texas
Burt W. Phillips	1903	July 11, 1950	Long Beach, California
Charles F. Severson	1903	February 17, 1951	Los Angeles, California
Joseph J. Grace	1904	January 24, 1951	New York, N. Y.
Joseph P. Aleshire	1910	January 25, 1951	Mobile, Alabama
John W. Coffey	August, 1917	March 8, 1951	Near Bonn, Germany
George S. Eyster	August, 1917	March 9, 1951	Washington, D. C.
Bryant E. Moore	August, 1917	February 24, 1951	Korea
Theodore T. Knappen	1920	March 20, 1951	New York, N. Y.
Hobart A. Murphy	1924	March 26, 1951	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Raymond C. Conder	1925	March 16, 1951	Great Lakes, Illinois
John M. McKeague	1929	February 18, 1951	Fort Jay, New York
Boone Seegers	January, 1943	July 7, 1950	Korea
Louis W. Howe	1944	January 31, 1951	Korea
John H. Jones	1945	January 26, 1951	Korea
Robert I. Starr	1945	January 26, 1951	Korea
Arthur H. Truxes, Jr.	1945	November 30, 1950	Korea
Robert C. Bradley, Jr.	1946	January 21, 1951	Phoenix City, Alabama
William B. Castle	1946	January 23, 1951	Fort Bragg, North Carolina
Frank S. Hagan	1946	March 6, 1951	Near Langley AFB, Virginia
Ernest W. Prevost	1946	February 3, 1950	Naval Air Station, P. R.
Arthur E. Coates, Jr.	1947	May 5, 1950	Camp MacKall, North Carolina
Robert B. Coleman	1947	February 4, 1951	Korea
Robert M. Garvin	1947	February 3, 1951	Korea
Einar G. Lundy	1947	December 19, 1950	Philippine Islands
Walter A. della Chiesa	1948	June 25, 1950	Okinawa
Richard L. Warren	1948	July 27, 1950	Korea
William H. Wilbur, Jr.	1949	September 6, 1950	Korea
Willard H. Coates	1950	November 28, 1950	Korea
Thomas P. Greene	1950	February 10, 1951	Korea
Carter B. Hagler	1950	November 28, 1950	Korea
James W. Smyly, III	1950	February 6, 1951	Goodfellow AFB, San Angelo, Texas

In Memory

We sons of today,
we salute you,
You, sons of an
earlier day,
We follow, close
order, behind you,
Where you have
pointed the way.



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Matthias Crowley

NO. 3435 CLASS OF 1891

DIED AUGUST 16, 1950, AT BROOKLYN,
NEW YORK, AGED 82 YEARS.

RELATIVES and friends were saddened by the death of Colonel Matthias Crowley, U.S. Army, Retired. Knowing that he was ailing from a congested heart condition, he was confident and of good spirits to the end, which came very gently and peacefully at about 5 P.M. on August 16, 1950 at his home in Brooklyn, New York.

He was born in Cork County, Ireland, January 20, 1868, the son of Francis B. and Catharine Shea Crowley, with whom he came to the United States in his early childhood. He was a graduate of De LaSalle Institute, and a student at Cooper Union in 1887 when he successfully passed the examination for appointment to West Point, after having been designated as a candidate by Congressman Samuel S. Cox of New York City.



"Mathy", as he was known by his classmates, was born to be a soldier. Under date of June 11, 1898 Major General Coppinger, U.S.A., penned the following lines as a post script to a letter to the Governor of the State of New York: "Lt. Crowley's fine soldierly qualities often remind me of General Philip Sheridan as a young officer"

Colonel Crowley's ability to cope successfully with difficult situations filled his Army career with many important assignments at home and abroad. The following was taken from the book "Recollections of a Recruit", an official history of the Fifty-fourth U.S. Infantry:

"Trained and led by Colonel Crowley through its entire existence it is to be expected that the regiment would bear some of his characteristics. It has come to be more than locally famed in the A.E.F. for its energy, precision, and ingenuity, and those are the marks placed upon it by its commanding officer * * *"

A letter from Colonel Crowley to the men of the Regiment, dated Adenau, Germany, May 7, 1919 read, in part, "Chosen by Liberty as her champions, you have justified that choice, called by Justice to prevent the disappearance of Justice from the earth, you have done your part. Truth had but to make her desire for your service known and you came to her succor. A selection of more loyal Americans could not have been made and I feel honored in having been

chosen for your leader. It was no easy thing to leave your homes and adapt yourselves to the necessary military training, but that you not only did, but did it well, attests your splendid American manhood".

These are the words of his commanding general—"I know Colonel Crowley to be a brave and gallant officer, resourceful, determined and of a temperament which fits him for the command of officers and men".

Colonel Crowley's regiment participated in the Vosges Defensive and the Meuse-Argonne Offensive. He was awarded the Service Citation and the Silver Star for courageous and meritorious service and devotion to duty while in command of the 54th U.S. Infantry with the Sixth Division in World War I.

Following his retirement at his own request after 32 years of service the Colonel lived a cheerful life at his home in Brooklyn, New York. Walking the dog, mowing the lawn, trimming the evergreens, raking leaves, shoveling snow, he was noted for the clean manner in which his sidewalk, comprising a city block, was kept free of snow in the winter.

During World War II he kept up correspondence with some of the boys in the service who had grown up in his neighborhood, sending each copies of letters from the others, also magazines and newspapers. The Colonel was keenly interested in all news about the war and was so enthusiastic about the fighting on all fronts he often got up during the night to listen to news reports on the radio.

He was active until his 80th birthday. During his illness he never complained of anything but shortness of breath. His books, of which there were many, were in every room of the house. These kept his mind occupied and up-to-date. "Atomic Energy" was the last book he read.

"Thias", as he was affectionately called by members of his brilliant family was the eldest of four children. His mother died while he was a cadet at West Point. His father, a retired New York city police captain with an enviable record of service that was given much publicity, died at the age of 92. Two younger brothers, Dr. Michael F. J. Crowley and The Right Rev. Monsignor Cornelius Crowley, passed away several years ago.

Surviving, and the youngest of the four children, is his sister, Miss Mary C. Crowley, a retired school teacher of New York City. A niece, Mrs. Catharine McAvoy; five grandnieces, Kathleen and Mary McAvoy, and Florence, Anne and Mary Crowley; a nephew, Francis B. Crowley, 2nd; and a grandnephew, Francis B. Crowley, 3rd, a West Point hopeful, also survive him.

Committal services for Colonel Crowley, followed by interment, were held in the Post Cemetery at West Point on August 19, 1950. The following lines are included here at his request:

Beneath the wide and starry sky
Dig the grave and let me lie
Glad did I live and gladly die
And I laid me down with a will.

This be the verse you 'grave for me
Here he lies where he longed to be
Home is the sailor home from sea
And the hunter home from the hill.

—A. T. W.

Hamilton Smith Hawkins

NO. 3586 CLASS OF 1894

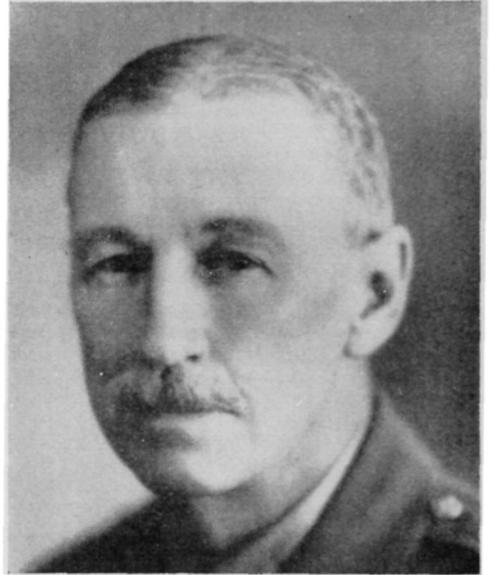
DIED OCTOBER 19, 1950, AT WASHINGTON, D. C.,
AGED 78 YEARS.

HAMILTON SMITH HAWKINS passed away at Walter Reed Hospital, in Washington, D. C.,

on October 19, 1950, after a long and often painful illness, which he bore with the fortitude and courage characteristic of him. He is survived by his widow, Helen Smith Hawkins, formerly of Staunton, Virginia, to whom he was married on November 10th, 1897; by a daughter, Anne Gray; and by a sister, Mrs. Robert L. Howze. He was an accomplished soldier, a firm and loyal friend, a courtly gentleman, and a devoted husband and father. His passing will be mourned by the surviving members of his Class, and by the many friends that he made in his long and varied Army service.

He was born at Fort Buford, North Dakota, on September 25, 1872, of an old Army family. His father, the late Brigadier General Hamilton Smith Hawkins, served a lifetime in the Infantry, and his grandfather, of the same name, was a Major in the Medical Corps and served in the Mexican War. He grew up in a military atmosphere absorbing the ideals of service, discipline and leadership that characterized him in his later life.

He was appointed to West Point in 1890, and graduated creditably with his Class on June 12, 1894. His life at West Point was the normal life of a cadet. He was friendly and popular, and formed there friendships



that have endured through the years. For two of the four years of his cadet life, Ham's father was Commandant; and with a gracious hostess and two charming sisters at home, Ham's house was a favorite gathering place for the Class of 1894.

On graduation, Ham chose the Mounted Service, and was assigned to the 4th Cavalry. He served with that regiment in the far West and in the Philippines, where he was twice awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action, and also the order of the Purple Heart. Details in the Subsistence Department, and as acting Judge Advocate of the Department of Colorado followed, after which he returned to the 4th Cavalry for service in the Philippines and the United States. During this period he attended and graduated from the Army School of the Line and the Staff College at Fort Leavenworth. In 1912-13 he was attached to the 6th Dragoons of the French Army, and in May 1913, he was attached as an observer with the 2nd Brandenburg Dragoons of the German Army. In the fall of 1913 he joined the 3rd Cavalry and served at Brownsville, Texas, on the border patrol for a year and a half, then went to Fort Riley for the Field Officers' Course. After completing this course, he was in charge of the purchase of horses and mules near San Antonio, Texas, for some months, then went to join the 4th Cavalry at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

In August 1917 he was appointed Colonel, National Army, and after preliminary serv-

ice in the United States, was detailed on the General Staff and sailed for France in June 1918. He attended and graduated from the Army Staff College at Langres, and was then assigned as G-3, 2d Division, and participated in the St. Mihiel Offensive with the Division. In September he was assigned as Chief of Staff of the 35th Division.

In this capacity he served with distinction during the heavy fighting of September and October, and for a short time commanded a brigade in the absence of its regularly assigned commander. In these capacities, by his personal example and energy, he contributed greatly to the effectiveness of the division. He was awarded a third silver star for "gallantry in action and brilliant leadership near Bauquois, Balny, France", as well as a meritorious service citation from the Commanding General, A.E.F. for his service as Chief of Staff of the 35th Division.

Returning to the United States with his division in April 1919, he served at various stations in the United States before returning to the Philippines in 1926 as Chief of Staff of the Philippine Division. He was appointed a Brigadier General, effective September 5, 1928.

Returning to the United States, he was assigned to command the 1st Cavalry Brigade at Fort Clark, Texas. While on this duty, he commanded his brigade with conspicuous success in a series of two-sided maneuvers against an infantry division, displaying boldness, versatility and leadership. From this assignment he moved on to command the 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Bliss, where he remained until he was retired for age in 1936.

Upon his retirement, Ham settled in Washington, where he lived quietly until recalled to active duty in 1941. He then served as member of various boards in Washington until in 1943, when he reverted to his retired status. He continued to reside in Washington until his death, enjoying the pleasures of a quiet home life and the society of his friends. He always took a great interest in the regular 5-year reunions of his West Point Class, and attended them when possible; and it was a matter of deep regret to him that he was unable to attend the 55th Reunion in 1949, on account of ill health.

Ham Hawkins was primarily a soldier. He was an earnest and persistent student of the art and science of war, and lost no opportunity of extending his knowledge of them. His varied service, including command of troops and service in the Staff departments, together with his continued reading and study and writing, gave him a broad knowledge of military art. He was especially skilled in tactics and the leadership of men, and his methods in the training and handling of the 1st Cavalry Division were undoubtedly of great influence in developing and molding that organization into the superb fighting machine that, years later, served so effectively in World War II and in Korea. The decorations won in the field in the Philippines and in action in World War I are evidence of his ability and effectiveness as a soldier and as a leader.

—William B. Ladue, Class of 1894.

Clyde Emile Hawkins

NO. 3641 CLASS OF 1895

DIED SEPTEMBER 8, 1950, AT SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, AGED 80 YEARS.

Clyde Emile Hawkins was born November 16, 1869, on his mother's farm in East Bethlehem Township, Washington County, Pa., about twenty miles southwest of Pittsburgh, Pa.

Clyde was of English descent. His branch of the family settled in Washington County in southwestern Pennsylvania early in the 1800s. A prominent ancestor was Robert Hawkins of Maryland, an outspoken supporter of the American Revolution. Three of his sons joined the fight for freedom, and he gave substantial financial support to the Revolutionary Army. The Hawkins family was well represented in the Civil War and the Spanish American War.

All branches of the Hawkins family were always interested in and supporters of the Militia and National Guard of their States. Clyde at the age of eighteen enlisted in Company H, 10th Regiment, National Guard of Pennsylvania, and saw field service in connection with the Mount Pleasant coal strike during the winter of 1889-1900.

Clyde Hawkins, like most country boys and girls of his time, received his elementary education in a one room country school. Attendance required a walk of several miles in all kinds of weather carrying books and a cold lunch. At the age of sixteen Clyde attended for one term the California, Pa., State Normal School for training teachers and when eighteen taught for one term at Amity, Washington County, Pa. He next



spent one term at Waynesburg College, Green County, Pa., and then entered Washington and Jefferson College, Washington, Pa., where he was a member of Phi Kappa Sigma Fraternity. His college course was ended in less than two years during the spring term of 1891, when he obtained an appointment to the United States Military Academy, which he entered on June 17, 1891, in the Class of 1895. The class began 110 strong and on June 12, 1895, graduated 52. Clyde was 25 in his class and chose the Cavalry, was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant on August 8, 1895, and joined the 3rd Cavalry at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., on September 1, 1895, where he remained until the outbreak of the Spanish American War in 1898.

From May 1898, to May 1899, Clyde was with his regiment at Chickamauga Park, Ga., Tampa, Fla., Montauk Point, Long Island, N. Y., Fort Ethan Allen, Vt., Augusta, Ga., and Fort Myer, Va. He was promoted to 1st Lieutenant March 29, 1899, and assigned to the 7th Cavalry, but did not join that regiment, as in July 1899 he was appointed Aide to General Theodore Schwan and accompanied the General to the Philippine Islands and on two expeditions against Filipino Insurgents in various provinces of Southern Luzon, through various engagements with the Insurgents.

Clyde returned to the United States with General Schwan in May 1900, and late in the year was relieved as Aide and joined the 7th Cavalry in Cuba in January 1901. On

September 17, 1901 he was promoted to Captain and assigned to the 7th Cavalry. He returned to the United States with it in May 1902, for station in Chickamauga Park, Ga.

In October 1903 Clyde was transferred to the 2nd Cavalry at Fort Myer, Va., and in December 1903 sailed with the 2nd Cavalry for his second tour in the Philippines and service on the Island of Luzon until March 1906, when he returned with his regiment to the United States for station at Fort Riley, Kans. In November 1906 he was moved to Fort Des Moines, Ia., and soon to Fort Slocum, N. Y., on recruiting duty for about one year, and then returned to Fort Des Moines.

Late in 1907, Clyde, with his regiment, the 2nd Cavalry, participated in probably the last Indian Campaign in the United States, that against the Ute Indians in Montana. During the winter of 1907-1908, the regiment lived in tents, with the temperature often reaching forty degrees below zero.

Clyde attended the Mounted Service School at Fort Riley, Kans., 1908-1909, graduated June 30, 1909, and after a leave rejoined the 2nd Cavalry at Fort Des Moines, Ia.; and in December, 1909, sailed with the regiment for his third tour in the Philippine Islands, with station on the Island of Jolo, which had always been a trouble spot. He participated in various operations against the Moros in 1911-1912 and was in the hard fights at Leit Lake and Bud Dajo.

Army officers have to do a lot of traveling, but Clyde never missed a chance to do more when interesting places could be reached on leave or detached service. He visited Yellowstone Park and the Alaska-Seattle Exposition at Seattle, Wash. in 1909; he traveled in China and Japan in 1905, and at the end of his third tour in the Philippine Islands left his regiment in May 1912 to complete a trip around the world by way of Japan, Korea, Manchuria, and Siberia to Russia. Then through Finland, Sweden, Denmark, Holland, and Belgium to England. He returned to the continent and before he reached Gibraltar to take a steamer for New York he had visited the important places in all countries of Europe except Norway, Austria and the Balkans. After a short visit to his home in Washington, Pa., he rejoined the 2nd Cavalry at Fort Bliss, Texas.

Clyde always had an eye for conformation and beauty, probably one reason for his detail on December 3, 1912 in the Remount Service, Quartermaster Corps, with station at Kansas City, Mo., a great horse and mule center, where he purchased hundreds of animals for the Army. He was promoted to Major on July 1, 1916, but continued as Remount Officer until December 2, 1916, when he was relieved from the Quartermaster Corps and assigned to the command of a Squadron of the 14th Cavalry with station at Del Rio, Texas. After temporary duty at Fort Sam Houston in June 1917, he was re-detailed to the Quartermaster Corps on July 23, 1917, and ordered back to Kansas City, Mo., as Remount Officer.

On August 5, 1917 Clyde was promoted to Colonel, National Army, and by August 25 was at Camp Dodge, Ia., where he organized and commanded the 352nd Infantry, 88th Division, National Army. He embarked with his regiment August 8, 1918, and sailed via Liverpool, England, for Le Havre, France. The 88th Division left Le Havre for the Belfort Sector of the front, training enroute, and was actively engaged with the enemy in that sector. On November 11, 1918, Armistice Day, the 88th Division was in reserve, preparing for an assault on Metz, France, scheduled for November 14, 1918. The Division passed the winter of 1918-1919 near Gondrecourt, France.

Clyde was detached from his regiment in May 1919, to assist in training a horse detachment for the Military Olympics at Paris, France, in June 1919.

Clyde was back in the United States in early August 1919, and was again detailed in the Remount Service, Q.M.C., with temporary command of the Front Royal, Va. Remount Depot. On November 19, 1919, he was promoted to Lt. Colonel, Regular Army, and in the same month was sent to the Remount Office in Kansas City, Mo. He was relieved from detail in the Q.M.C., honorably discharged as Colonel, National Army, only, on June 30, 1920, and was promoted to Colonel Regular Army on July 1, 1920.

Clyde was transferred to the Quartermaster Corps on August 5, 1920, while still Remount Officer at Kansas City, Mo., and continued that duty until April 1, 1923, when he was sent to Headquarters, 8th Corps Area, San Antonio, Texas, in the responsible position of Corps Area Quartermaster.

Clyde was fond of hunting, and on his birthday, November 16, 1926, was hunting turkey north of Kerrville, Texas, with some fellow officers and a rancher, acting as guide, with whom he had hunted before. About 2 P.M., while following the guide on a trail at about fifteen feet, the guide's gun was accidentally discharged, wounding Clyde severely with No. 4 shot, from his waist to the top of his head, piercing both eyes, mouth, windpipe and lungs. Only the best care and attention at the Kerrville and Fort Sam Houston hospitals saved his life. February 8, 1927, he was sent to Walter Reed General Hospital, Washington, D. C., and in turn to Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Md., and to a specialist in Philadelphia, in the hope that his sight could be saved. Clyde visited his sister, Mrs. Robert W. Darragh, at Beaver, Pa., for some time, and then returned to Walter Reed.

Clyde continued to hope, but before a retiring board he learned the shocking truth that he was permanently blind. He was crushed, but bravely accepted his lot. He was retired for disability on March 15, 1928, and for his remaining years got as much as he could out of life. He never completely recovered from the wound in his windpipe, but bravely carried on.

Because Clyde had had much duty in San Antonio and had many civilian and Army friends there, he returned to that city in December 1930, and finally decided to make it his home. By the end of 1936 he had completed an attractive home on Genesee Road, and with the help of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Frank B. Hawkins, and friends, completely furnished and equipped it. Clyde had a good memory and a knack for details, and could make his way unassisted through his home; knew exactly where everything was, and could put his hand on it. His hostess and a secretary kept him up to date by reading to him, and his interest in social, political, and world affairs remained keen. He often wrote his views on legislative affairs to members of Congress. He entertained often, attended many functions and danced with pleasure and skill with some assistance from his partner. For exercise he took fast striding walks with members of his household and got pleasure out of his daily marketing. He could correctly direct his car to places he desired to visit. Everybody marveled at his cheerfulness and memory.

In November 1939 Clyde's sister and her daughter came to live with him. In June 1946 his sister died, and later his niece married. In August 1946 the widow of his brother, Colonel Frank B. Hawkins, took charge of his home.

As Clyde aged, the wound in his windpipe at times incapacitated and discouraged him, and destroyed his cheerfulness and activity. In the last two years of his life he failed greatly and avoided all outside social activities. He was finally confined to his room, and about 9 P.M. on September 8, 1950, he had a sudden heart attack and died. His body was sent East for burial in the family lot in Washington Cemetery, Washington, Pa.

Clyde never married. He was the last Hawkins in his branch of the family. He is survived by a nephew, Alexander L. H. Darragh, and two nieces, Mrs. Emma Hawkins Pickering and Mrs. Elizabeth Darragh Miller.

—A Classmate.

William Preston Wooten

NO. 3811 CLASS OF 1898

DIED DECEMBER 12, 1950, AT WASHINGTON, D. C., AGED 77 YEARS.

"WILEY" WOOTEN was born in La Grange, North Carolina, on February 14, 1873, and was graduated from the University of North Carolina, where he made Phi Beta Kappa, in 1893.

As a cadet at West Point, he was a cadet lieutenant, played center on the football team, and was graduated third in his class in 1898. Commissioned in the Corps of En-



gineers, he served in the Philippines during the Insurrection, being Engineer Officer on General Arthur MacArthur's staff. He also commanded a detachment of Engineers and Scouts in the field during the campaign for Dagupan, and during General Schwan's campaign in Southern Luzon.

Prior to World War I, he was in charge of construction of the Washington City Filtration Plant; instructor at West Point; District Engineer in Dallas, Texas, and Honolulu, Hawaii; and Commandant of the Engineer School.

During World War I, he raised and commanded the 14th Engineer Regiment. The Regiment was attached to the British Army from August 1917 to July 1918, and operated in the Arras sector. He was then made Engineer of the Third U.S. Army Corps, taking part in all its engagements, and the march to the Rhine. Finally, he was Chief Engineer of the Army of Occupation. For this service, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal by the United States, and made a Companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George by the British.

His postwar service included duty as Officer in Charge, in cooperation with Canadian authorities, of the original survey for the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Seaway project, and duty as student and instructor at the Army War College. In 1926-27, he was Division Engineer of the Gulf Division, and Chairman of the Spillway Board, whose pro-

ject for the reduction of flood stages in the lower Mississippi has been completed. From then until his retirement in 1930, he was on duty in the office of the Assistant Secretary of War as Director of Procurement, and Director of the Army Industrial College.

From 1931-39, he was Executive Secretary of The Society of American Military Engineers, and Editor of *The Military Engineer*. He was a member of the Society of Military Engineers, American Society of Civil Engineers, Society of the Cincinnati, Military Order of the Carabao, Military Order of the World War, Army and Navy Club, Sons of Confederate Veterans, and Order of the Stars and Bars.

Throughout his life, "Wiley" was guided by the strongest principles of honesty and fairness. Although quiet and unassuming, his kindness, intelligence, and force of character made friends and admirers for him everywhere. His influence on those close to him will be everlasting, and the world is poorer for his loss.

At the time of his death, December 12, 1950, he was living with his wife, Katherine C. Wooten, at their home at 2540 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington 8, D. C. In addition to his wife, he is survived by one son, Colonel Sidney C. Wooten, and three grandchildren.

—S. C. W.

Clement August Trott

NO. 3903 CLASS OF 1899

DIED APRIL 14, 1950, AT GENEVA, ILLINOIS, AGED 72 YEARS.

"THE BARON", as we affectionately knew him, came to us from Milwaukee. His decisive and somewhat imperious manner, plus Teutonic ancestry, early gave him the name that endured all his life, as did his jaunty, positive ways. His father, born in Germany, was one of the town's substantial citizens and believed in hard work, not only for himself but for his children. Accordingly, the boy carried before breakfast, summer and winter, a five mile paper route, besides doing the many household chores that boys then had to do. Lake Michigan and sail-boats furnished his recreation. In school he did good and careful work, passing with flying colors the West Point entrance examinations, although the appointment was unexpected and came to him only a few days before the tests. Probably he had the least chance of any man in the Class to prepare for the examinations. He may not have been the youngest man to take the examinations that year, but once in the Academy, he was the youngest man in the Class, destined to be the last retired for age forty-six years later. In an Army career youth is an advantage, but not so at the Academy. There, the two or three years more schooling of the elders of the class not only give them real scholastic advantage, but make easier the readjustment to a Spartan existence, undreamed of by boys straight from civil life. As for the Baron, proud, impulsive and volatile, prone to speak out when silence might have been wiser, he may well have had more problems of adjustment than most of us. But he had one great advantage in that from the very beginning he liked the military and appreciated far sooner than did most of us the opportunity and great good fortune entailed in a West Point appointment. He was one of the few who always maintained that his cadet days were thoroughly happy.

Academically, his good mind, superb health and application kept him on easy

street. To the military side of the course he applied himself just as he did to the academic, and discipline was no problem to him. From his yearling year on he was a cadet officer. Never an athlete, he took the greatest interest in athletics, beginning then a habit that he kept up all his life—that of keeping accurate records of Academy sports. His major interest was baseball, and in 1906, when he came back to the Academy as an instructor in Law, he was promptly made graduate manager of the cadet team and did a notable job in bringing it from the depths to the heights of the collegiate baseball world. It was he who brought to the Point the celebrated Sammy Strang, one of the best baseball coaches of the era.

As an Army officer, he soon became known as one who knew his business and always attended to it. Never sick and seemingly never tired, he was ever on the job, seeming to care seriously for little other than his family and his profession, although later in life he developed into a very good golfer. Never neutral, placid or uninterested, he was a man of strong feelings, rebellious against injustice and delighted by good work wherever



found. No one was quicker than he to "take up arms against a sea of troubles", or go to the assistance of the down-trodden.

His graduation was into the old Indian-fighting Army, then, after a final burst of glory in the Spanish-American War, on its way out. His service as a company officer of Infantry in the eighteen years that intervened between graduation and our entrance into the First World War was for the large part in the remote and comfortless Infantry stations of those days. On his list were Arizona, Colorado, Wyoming and the Philippines. To all of them went the wife of his youth, Leah Wright, whom he married soon after graduation, and whose unusual beauty, grace and wisdom endeared her to all of the Class who knew her. In a full half-century of happiness they were separated only when the Baron was with Pershing on the Punitive Expedition into Mexico and in France. But not all the stations were remote, for the list of that period includes Fort Sheridan, Plattsburg, the University of Illinois and Leavenworth. After the course in the school at Leavenworth, in which he attained distinction as an Honor Graduate, he remained there as instructor in tactics. A great reader with the gift of intense application, he was already well grounded in tactics when he went to Leavenworth.

His first duty in World War I was as an instructor in the Fort Sheridan Officer Training Camps. After that and service at Camp Sherman, Ohio, as a Lieutenant Colonel of

Infantry in a National Army division, he was ordered in December 1917 to France as an observer with the British Army. Later, following duty as student-officer and instructor at the staff school at Langres, he went to the 83rd Division and then to the 5th, remaining with this latter organization until the end of the war. For this service he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for "Exceptionally distinguished and meritorious service as Chief of Staff". Furthermore he was included at the end of the war on the so-called "Initial General Staff List", in reality a roll of honor of those who had most distinguished themselves in the war on either staff or command duty. From this list of officers the first post-war class of the Army War College was largely drawn and Trott was one of its members. In the conferences his wide and accurate information was notable, for he had served not only at the British front but in every major American operation. His other war medals included the French Legion of Honor (Officer) and the Silver Star for bravery.

After the War College course and prior to his promotion to Brigadier General in 1935, he served in the office of the Chief of Infantry, was an instructor of the Organized Reserve and thrice a regimental commander. One of his commands was the important CCC district in northern New England, concerned with the construction there of monumental flood control works. On each and every one of these jobs he was highly commended by his superiors and the harder they were to please, the more they seemed to like his work. Of one of his regimental commands the Inspector said: "The order, neatness and cleanliness that prevail are unusual and distinctive. For this, Colonel Trott is primarily responsible". Of another of his commands the Division Commander wrote: ". . . his regiment came out first in all inspections". Of his third regimental command the Brigade Commander, a relentless and exacting officer not given to compliments, wrote high praise and added to it this penetrating comment: "In my opinion, Colonel Trott does not get full credit for his exceptional capacity and value to the Service, except from those who discover and understand his great diffidence". In this he put his finger on what few outside the Class ever knew, which was that in spite of his courage, real ability and cock-sure manner he was underneath an extremely shy and sensitive man, enormously depressed by criticism and embarrassed by praise. His youthful defense at the Point was an attitude of gruffness, impatience and reserve, remnants of which clung to him always, regarding, as the Brigade Commander acutely observed, his career. The Baron never pretended, never put himself forward and had absolutely no "show-window". What he got was strictly on his merit. As a Brigadier he commanded brigades at Fort Douglas, Utah; Boston, Massachusetts; Hawaii and Fort Meade; the 6th Division at Fort Lewis, Washington, and the 5th Corps Area at Columbus, Ohio. In April 1941 he was promoted to the grade of Major General, but old age caught him the same year and in the month of Pearl Harbor and our entrance into World War II he was retired, bringing up, as he said, the rear guard of the Class of '99!

In retirement—in winter in Geneva, Illinois, and in summer at a Minnesota lake—he pursued his reading and his interest in athletics, played golf and did the customary chores of a householder, being fortunate in retaining almost until the hour of his sudden and unexpected death on April 14, 1950, his accustomed health and vigor. To "the Baroness", as we have affectionately known her over the years, go the deep sympathy and warm regards of the Class of '99. For the present, she remains at Hawthorne Lane in Geneva.

—C. D. H.

James Parsons Robinson

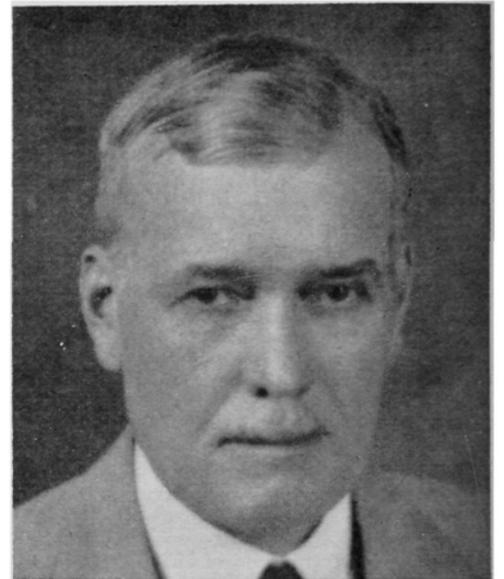
NO. 3981 CLASS OF 1900

DIED JUNE 7, 1950, AT HUDSON, NEW YORK,
AGED 73 YEARS.

A SHADOW was cast over the Golden Anniversary of 1900 by the news of the death of "Robinson, J. P.", on the day following graduation exercises at the U.S.M.A.

Up to a week before the 50th Reunion, Robbie had looked forward to attending. However, for the past year he had been in poor health, which necessitated an emergency operation at the very hour when his classmates were enjoying their reunion banquet.

He survived the operation, and the next day was so much better that his recovery was hoped for, but then came a relapse, and he passed away on the day after Graduation. He was interred quietly in his plot at Arlington. Following his expressed desire,



the funeral was without military honors and was attended only by his immediate family.

Colonel Robinson was born in Ottawa, Kansas, December 19, 1876. His death brings to a close an active and varied career, and a happy family life of forty years.

Robbie was in every sense a "he-man", an outstanding athlete, a fighting man with a keen brain, who entered fully into every activity of life.

Most of his service was in the Coast and Field Artillery, and included duty in Puerto Rico, the Philippines, and World War I, in both command and staff assignments.

At the outbreak of World War I, Robinson went to France as a Major of the 7th F.A., 1st Division. On August 5, 1917, he was promoted to Colonel, and shortly thereafter was transferred to the Staff of General Peyton C. March, then Chief of Artillery of the A.E.F.

Desiring a regimental command, he was assigned to command the 318th Field Arty. of the 81st Division, then in the U.S.A. He returned to France with the 81st Div. in August 1918, and continued in command of his regiment to the end of the war.

Subsequent to the War Colonel Robinson served on staff and school duty, with one 2-year hitch in the Philippines as Lt. Colonel of the 24th F.A. He was graduated from the Command and General Staff School in 1921.

On September 30, 1930, he was retired for physical disability. After retirement he lived in Washington, D. C., and at his country estate, "Goodale Pines", in South Egremont, Mass.

Colonel Robinson, in 1910, when a captain, married into a well-known Army family. Mrs. Robinson was Edna A. MacMurray, daughter of Major Junius W. MacMurray, 1st Artillery, U.S.A., a veteran of the Civil War.

He is survived by his widow; a son, Hugh Robinson; a daughter, Nancy MacMurray Robinson, wife of Lt. Colonel Robert W. Fuller, III (U.S.M.A. 1934); and four grandchildren. Both the son and son-in-law participated in World War II, both were wounded in action twice. Colonel Fuller was retired for disability thus incurred.

—P. S. B.

Edwin Butcher

NO. 4276 CLASS OF 1904

DIED JULY 29, 1950, AT WASHINGTON, D. C.,
AGED 71 YEARS.

BRIGADIER GENERAL EDWIN BUTCHER, U.S. Army Retired, was born on Staten Island, New York, June 28, 1879. He early moved to Montana from where he was appointed to the United States Military Academy in 1900, graduating number 62 out of 124 in the class of 1904. He died at Washington, D. C., July 29, 1950 and now rests at West Point.

Many years of intimate personal association afforded opportunity for me, perhaps more so than to most, to know and to appreciate the sterling character and worth of Edwin Butcher. In his personal and official life Edwin Butcher, affectionately known to all as "Butch", was square, unselfish, just, and loyal to a pre-eminent degree. To Butch the motto of his beloved Alma Mater, "Duty, Honor, Country", was not just words to be looked at but something to be lived up to and throughout his career he did just that.

The wide open spaces of Montana and the granite peaks of the Rockies bequeathed to Butch a western viewpoint. To him, character, rather than clothes or extraneous accomplishments, reflected a man's true worth. Sham, pretense, double talk, expediency at the expense of principle—all these Butch abhorred. To Butch, right was right; wrong was wrong; and no compromise could exist between the two. His creed was to say what you mean and mean what you say. His comments were sometimes pungent and blunt, but Butch's friends loved and admired him for his integrity and forthrightness.

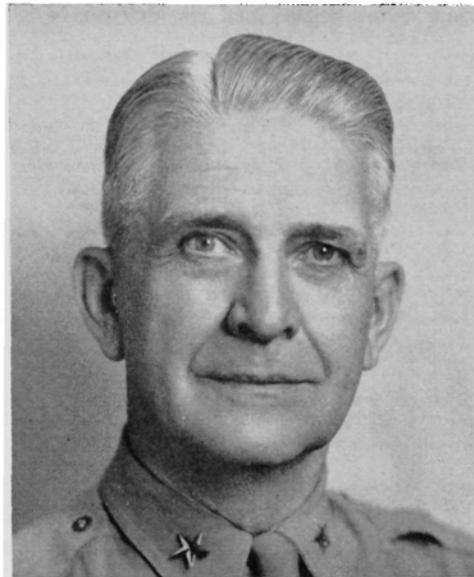
Even-tempered and friendly, perhaps his greatest characteristic was a keen sense of humor. This quality attracted people to him wherever he served. He loved life and he loved people. Possessed of an unlimited fund of stories and anecdotes, he was a superb entertainer. He was always the ideal dinner guest and the life of any party.

Soon after graduation, Butch married Elizabeth Skyrme, who died in April 1912. She left her husband with one son, William S. Butcher, who passed away in 1925. Butch and his bride first joined the 15th Infantry at Presidio of Monterey, California. The following year his regiment sailed for Camp Keithley, Mindanao, P. I., where he participated in several expeditions against hostile Moros and served as a staff officer to Major Rowan, the officer who carried the message to Garcia. His regiment returned home in 1907 and he spent the next four years with it at Fort Douglas, Utah.

The experience gained during these formative years, combined with his character, outstanding devotion to duty, and hard work, firmly established Butch as a superior officer. Throughout all his subsequent service he was much sought after for important positions and assignments. Thus Butch was selected in 1911 as an Instructor for the Maine National Guard. There he met Miss Susan A. Downing of Augusta, Maine, a graduate of the New England Conservatory of Music. They were married in Boston on April 8, 1915 and from this union were born a son and a daughter.

In May 1915, Butch was again assigned to foreign service with the 29th Infantry in Panama. From April 1917 to May 1918, he was detached for the highly important war-time duty of Provost Marshal and charged specifically with protecting the installations and utilities of the Panama Canal.

Butch returned to Washington, D. C. in May 1918 and served for a time in the Inspector General's Office. He was then detailed G/3 of the 96th Division in Training at Camp Wadsworth, N. C. After the Armistice he served at Camp Sevier and later or-



ganized the recruiting district at Greensboro, N. C.

In May 1919 Butch was detailed as a tactical officer at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, where he contributed outstanding assistance in the reorganization of the Corps of Cadets—which then consisted only of two new classes. It was necessary to instruct and indoctrinate these inexperienced cadets in the honor system, traditions, and customs of the old Corps of Cadets, which had been decimated by early graduation for World War I service. It was here that Butch really shone. He eventually headed the most celebrated disciplinary board in Cadet Corps history—the famous "Three B's", composed of Butcher, Buckner and Bonesteel, all of whom became General officers in World War II.

In 1923 Butch was assigned as a student at the Command and General Staff School. Upon graduation he spent the next three years as an Instructor at the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Ga. Following a fourth year on the Post staff, he was selected for the Army War College, after which he was assigned to the Equipment Section in the Office of the Chief of Infantry. There he rendered conspicuous service in the initiation and adoption of important new Infantry weapons and equipment. Upon completion of this tour, Butch joined the 38th Infantry at Fort Douglas, Utah. In 1933 he organized and commanded the Fort Douglas C.C.C. District, comprising 32 C.C.C. Camps in Utah, Wyo-

ming, Idaho, Nevada, and Northern Arizona. In June 1935 he was assigned to Headquarters, 9th Corps Area, San Francisco, as an Assistant Civilian Components Officer, where he supervised all ROTC units within the Corps Area.

In October 1936 Butch was detailed Chief of Staff of the Philippine Division at Fort McKinley, P. I., where he served for two years. He was then assigned as Director of the Infantry Board at Fort Benning, Ga. This agency had the important duties of initiating, testing, and recommending on multiple Infantry projects, as well as preparing Field Manuals and training literature. There is no other one officer in the Army, who deserves in greater degree than Butch, the title of "Father of Parachute Infantry". It was he who personally selected the first such Detachment at Fort Benning, and supervised, coordinated, and developed the project for the Infantry Board. From this modest beginning there later evolved those splendid air-borne divisions of World War II.

Butch was re-detailed to the General Staff in November 1940, and assigned as Chief of Staff, 3d Corps Area at Baltimore, Md. Despite retirement by operation of law June 30, 1942, he was immediately recalled to active duty and served continuously in the same position until January 31, 1944, when he reverted permanently to the retired list. He was promoted to Brigadier General AUS on March 11, 1943, and won the Legion of Merit with the following citation:

"For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services as Chief of Staff, Headquarters Third Corps Area. Displaying high devotion to duty, loyalty and unflagging zeal and exercising sound judgment, tactful coordination, impartiality, and fairness, he fostered a spirit of cooperation among the officers of the staff which was a leading factor in the efficient operation of this headquarters both prior to and subsequent to its considerable war-time expansion and reorganization"

Butch selected Florida as his permanent home and was redesignated Brigadier General, US Army, Retired, on June 29, 1948.

In his immediate family Butch leaves to mourn his untimely passing, his widow, Susan Downing Butcher, 821 Bay Esplanade, Clearwater, Florida; a daughter, Mrs. R. B. Chrisman, Jr., Miami, Florida; a son, Edwin Corette Butcher, Brookline, Mass., and three grandchildren.

It is difficult to realize that Butch is no longer with us. The fond memories of his friendship will continue always to warm the hearts of his classmates and his many friends.

—O. W. Griswold, Class of 1910.

Erle Martin Wilson

NO. 4302 CLASS OF 1904

DIED SEPTEMBER 16, 1950, AT SAN FRANCISCO,
CALIFORNIA, AGED 71 YEARS.

ERLE MARTIN WILSON, son of Dr. Charles R. and Mary Moore Wilson was born in Barren County, Kentucky, on April 12, 1879. When 12 years of age he moved with his parents to Louisville where he attended grade and high schools, and from where he was appointed to the Military Academy by Representative Oscar Turner.

With many other classmates Erle prepared for the entrance examinations at Braden's in Highland Falls, N. Y., and was admitted to the Academy with the June contingent of his class.

Erle quickly became, and continued to be, one of the most popular men in the Class of 1904. His exuberant and joyous nature, his inexhaustible wealth of negro dialect stories, his musical accomplishments, his rich and melodious voice, his humorous 100th Night performances, and his hearty and contagious laughter, endeared him to all. Indeed these wonderful qualities and accomplishments, together with his modesty, generosity, friendliness and thoughtfulness for others gave him in the Class of 1904 a popularity that grew richer and deeper with the passing of the years.

After graduation leave, Erle joined the famous 9th Infantry at Madison Barracks, N. Y. Less than a year later, on April 12, 1905, he married his boyhood sweetheart, Rebecca Ford, and hustled her aboard the transport Sherman that sailed for the Philippines with the 9th Infantry on May 2, 1905.

In the Islands in those days a junior second lieutenant and his wife underwent real privations, discomforts and hardships that served only to inspire a wealth of amusing and entertaining stories in after years. Rebecca and Erle were conspicuous according to this Army tradition. They learned the hard way, but delightfully and joyous-



ly. For over forty-five years this couple thoroughly enjoyed their extraordinarily great number of changes of station, and took the very greatest interest, pleasure and pride in the Army. Moreover, they enriched the lives and added to the pleasure of all those who were so fortunate as to be associated with them.

Erle's assignments and details, though they would be classed by him as "routine", nevertheless reflected the respect and esteem in which he was held by those in authority over him.

Among his important assignments were two short tours of duty as P.M.S.&T. at educational institutions. At one of these, the Jesuit College of St. Mary's in Kansas, though an institution of a faith other than his own, he was held in such unusually high regard that priests of the college continued to keep in touch with him throughout the remainder of his life.

He served as an instructor at the Infantry School of Musketry at Fort Sill, and later as head of the Department of General Subjects at the Infantry School at Fort Benning.

He attended and was graduated from the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth and the Army War College. As Infantry Instructor at the Field Artillery School, he was an unqualified success,

and won the profound respect and popularity of his many Field Artillery students and associates.

He served for four years in the office of the Chief of Infantry in Washington and then, a few years later, a like period on the War Department General Staff. In all he served over 14 years in Washington, D. C.

At the outbreak of World War I, Erle was on duty in the Panama Canal Zone. He was returned therefrom early in 1918 for assignment as Ordnance Officer of the Sixth Division. He sailed for France with this Division in July 1918, but late in September was detached and sent to the General Staff College at Langres, where he was on duty when the war ended.

But the assignments that gave Erle his greatest pleasure and satisfaction were those in command of troops. One of these was his three years at Fort Screven, Ga. A later assignment in which he took the very keenest pride was his two years, 1936-1938, in command of the 35th Infantry, Hawaiian Division. Here his rare ability as a commander and leader was reflected in the extraordinary efficiency of this great regiment, which was soon thereafter embarked upon a battle career that has immortalized it.

For two years after leaving the 35th Infantry, Erle was on duty with the 41st Division, National Guard, in Portland, Oregon, following which he was again ordered to the Hawaiian Division as its Chief of Staff. Soon after assuming this duty, however, the Division was reorganized into two triangular divisions and Erle was thereupon ordered to command the post of Schofield Barracks. In this capacity it became his sad duty after the Japanese attack of December 7th, 1941, to bury all Army dead, with appropriate memorial services, in the little palm shaded cemetery at Schofield.

Shortly after the outbreak of World War II, Erle was returned to Washington and sent to London as the Chief of Staff's personal representative there in the Lend-Lease program. But in England Erle began to suffer ill health, and the doctors soon returned him to Washington where, on June 30, 1942, he was retired by operation of law. Urged by the Chief of Staff with the assurance of light work only, Erle remained on active duty until February 12, 1946.

After the end of the war and his second retirement, Erle and Rebecca went to California and made their home near San Francisco, where it was hoped a quieter life and the delightful climate of that locality would enable Erle soon to regain his full health and strength. Unfortunately, however, this improvement in his health did not occur, and before long it seemed desirable to move into the city. It was in San Francisco that his unexpectedly sudden passing occurred on the 16th of September 1950. Besides his devoted wife, now living at 240 San Fernando Way, San Francisco, Erle is survived by a sister, Mrs. Frances Heiser, of Louisville, Kentucky.

Erle Wilson possessed a great and noble heart. He loved West Point with a devotion and pride that made him ever true to its finest traditions and ideals. As a commander, he had a deep affection for his men, and though intolerant of anything short of the most faithful and efficient performance of duties, he was the leader, the sympathetic counselor, the kindly friend, the just disciplinarian. His officers and men always held him in the very highest respect and esteem.

Erle Wilson was one of the thousands of West Pointers who have served proudly, loyally and efficiently to make the Regular Army of the United States the priceless institution that it is, the Army that in every National-emergency has provided the leader-

ship for the great citizen armies that in turn have always achieved Victory for our Country.

—R. M. D.

Henry Harley Arnold

NO. 4596 CLASS OF 1907

DIED JANUARY 15, 1950, AT SONOMA,
CALIFORNIA, AGED 63 YEARS.

ON January 19, 1950 a military funeral was held at Arlington National Cemetery for a Five-Star General. It was attended by the President of the United States, Cabinet members, high-ranking officers, and fourteen members of the Class of 1907. It was an occasion of great solemnity and deep sorrow, for they had all come to pay tribute to a man who had brought high honor and great distinction to his country, to the Army, to the Air Force and to the Class of 1907—General of the Air Force Henry H. Arnold,—"Hap" to all who knew and loved him. A few days before, he had died quietly from a weakened heart in his home, Rancho Feliz,



in the Valley of the Moon, at Sonoma, California, where he had retired with his family for a well-earned rest. Hap was not a battle casualty in the literal meaning of the word, but he would certainly be listed as a war casualty in every other interpretation of that term—giving as he did in such full measure during the turbulent war years, over-taxing his vitality by the tremendous burden of responsibility he carried as Chief of the world's greatest air force in which he had served since 1911 and which he had so large a part in building.

When Hap transferred to the Aviation Section, Signal Corps, in 1911 it was a very sketchy training detachment; when he finally retired from the tremendous responsibilities he had carried for so long, the Air Force had grown to 2,400,000 men and women, a record of growth unmatched.

After graduation from West Point he reported for duty at Headquarters 29th Infantry at Fort William McKinley, near Manila in the Philippine Islands. Soon he was detailed for mapping duty where his energy and personality were noted by Captain Cowan of the Signal Corps. In 1911 Captain Cowan, who had shortly before that time been called to Washington to recruit officers for aviation instruction, offered an assignment to Hap. He accepted with alacrity, returning to the States via Suez and traveling through France. In France he felt the

stir of enthusiasm for flying created by the success of Blériot in flying the Channel. Reporting for duty to Orville Wright, Hap and Tommy Milling became the first students under Wright to become official Army pilots.

Thus began his long and successful career in aviation — from 2d Lieutenant student pilot to General (five star) of the Air Force.

At the age of 30 he found vast responsibilities thrust upon him. In 1917 the "Aviation Section, Signal Corps" consisted of 35 officer pilots, 1,087 enlisted men, and 55 obsolete airplanes. Thus Hap Arnold, as Assistant Chief, had the job of creating an Air service from practically nothing. There was no aviation industry worthy of the name, there were no training schools for flying cadets and observers, no training planes and, above all, no combat planes.

The extraordinary expansion of American Military Aviation in World War I is told by the following comparative figures:

April 1917 Nov. 11, 1918

Pilots	35	10,000
Observers	None	11,000
Enlisted	1,087	148,000

Training planes:

Primary	55, obsolete	2,000, approx.
Advanced	None	Adequate supply
Combat planes	None	4,500 (35,500 in production)
Airfields, U.S.A.	2	30
Airfields, France	None	5?

Most of his admirers at home and abroad who were astounded by his incredible organizational ability in World War II did not realize that he had had the same responsibility in World War I. At the end of World War II as Chief of the U.S. Air Force his global command consisted of 2,400,000 men and women. Air Force materiel, including 83,000 airplanes, was in the Pacific theater, in the United Kingdom, on the European continent, in Africa, in India, in the Middle East and, of course, in the U.S.A., Canada and Alaska. He was appointed "General of the Air Force" by President Truman in June 1949.

During his plebe year at the Point, Hap showed no particular interest in boning dis or tenths. He did show an interest in his classmates—his distinguishing trait was his friendliness, and that winning smile of his was an "Arnold, H. H." trademark.

In 1913 Hap married Eleanor A. Pool, known to her many friends as Bee. A happier family life could not be imagined. Through all the years of Hap's almost furious activity Bee stood at his side to counsel conservation of his strength. It was impossible to retrain his boundless energy and unlimited enthusiasm. I well remember how he literally bounced from job to job as a second lieutenant. He never lost his smile, energy and enthusiasm—only medical cautionary advice succeeded in slowing him down in the last 3 years of his life.

Hap was the fourth soldier in the direct male line of his ancestor John Arnold, who emigrated from England in 1740 to settle in Philadelphia. The family was represented in the Revolution; in the Civil War; in the Spanish American War (by his father), and by Hap in World Wars I and II. His son Bruce graduated from West Point in June 1943 and served in World War II as a First Lieutenant on Okinawa. His son David graduated from West Point in 1949 and is now a Lieutenant in the Air Force. His daughter Lois married Captain Ernest M. Snowden, Naval Aviation, USN. His oldest son, Henry Harley, Jr., graduated from West Point—

Class of 1940—was General Eisenhower's Aide—commanded the 106th AA Bn in the 45th Div, and marched through France into Germany with the Seventh Army. He is now on the staff of General Wedemeyer, Commanding General, Sixth Army, in San Francisco.

The problem of providing funds for the education of his children, a common Army problem, was solved by Hap in typical fashion. He wrote and published several boys' books—"The Bill Bruce Series". Later he wrote books of a technical nature for the education and information of Air Force cadets and officers. Lieutenant General Ira Eaker collaborated with him in writing some of these.

The epic of his writing came after his retirement to his ranch in the Valley of the Moon, near Sonoma, California. His book, *Global Mission*, was written at this beautiful home, whose location and charm provided at long last a restful change after a life of moving to and fro across the Army's far flung empire.

He successfully resisted urgent invitations to participate in important business activities. He had well earned his rest period. Perhaps, also, he knew that his strength was ebbing. Death came all too soon. One cannot refrain from feeling that he deserved to have a few more years restfully and pleasantly spent with his family and close friends.

The tribute paid him at Arlington, where he joined the Long Gray Line, was deeply touching to his comrades and especially to his classmates. Taps sounded as the President, the Chief of Staff of the Army, the Chief of Staff of the Air Force, and a host of other distinguished men stood with bared heads. A great and valiant spirit was reporting for duty.

As we sat quietly together that January day we remembered all the big and little things that go to make up many years of close association. We were glad that in his lifetime, appreciation and recognition had been his reward for the great service he had given his country—that as "General of the Air Force" he ranked with other great Army leaders like Washington, Grant, MacArthur, Marshall, Eisenhower and Bradley; that high honors had been awarded him. We remembered, too, his great simplicity; how he would come to the class meetings whenever possible and recall with the rest of us those cadet days we all like to talk over. We were glad, too, that he had those quiet hours in the Valley of the Moon, and the deep satisfaction it must have been to him to know that after all the tumultuous years it was he who was the Chief of the Air Forces when final hard fought victory was ours. There is so much more that should be said—so much more that will live in our memories and in the memories of many men in all ranks of life. The phrase which comes to mind which best expresses Hap is the one from Kipling—he could "walk with Kings—nor lose the common touch"

—B. F. C.

Elmore Beach Gray

NO. 4877 CLASS OF 1910

DIED NOVEMBER 11, 1950, AT WASHINGTON, D. C., AGED 62 YEARS.

WHEN the Corps moved into barracks after summer camp in 1906, Snakey Dunlop, Dolly Gray, and I found ourselves roommates in the 4th floor right-hand Plain room of the 2nd Div., and there began my intimate association with Dolly.

I soon learned that he came from Pontiac, Michigan, that June 9, 1888 was his birthday, that his parents were Dr. and Mrs. Mason W. Gray, that he had a brother, Mason W. Gray, in the University of Michigan and that he had gone to that University for one year. Only recently did I learn that his mother, Kate Beach Gray, was a direct descendant of Governor Bradford of Massachusetts.

Dolly had a fine mind and sense of humor; he loved to hear and tell a story, and to be with his friends; and his capacity for athletic statistics was huge. In the late forties a prominent sportswriter, Vincent Flaherty, had some correspondence with Dolly about Academy sports and sportsmen and was so impressed with Dolly's amassed information that he dubbed him a human encyclopedia.

In his Plebe year Dolly ranked four in the Class and was a "star" man, later he took less interest in tenths and dropped out of the "engineer" group.

Upon graduation he chose the Coast Artillery Corps and to the end of his days he was a loyal and enthusiastic heavy artilleryman.

We met at West Point again in 1913 as instructors, he in the Math Dept under P



Echols. Plebe and Yearling math had no terrors for him and that four year period was a happy one. The Bachelor Building was then strictly for bachelors, Mike and William were able to demonstrate their talents in the club, and the card room was used frequently and pleasantly by Dolly and such cronies as Mick Daley, Sam Strang and Emile Cutrer.

World War I burst upon us and I next saw Dolly in France. I got to Paris only for a short time and there met him. He seemed to like the French type of gaiety in spite of the blackout. Interspersed with the battle of Paris he earned three battle stars.

With the peace came his return to this country and station at Fort Eustis. A romance ensued in and around Norfolk which culminated in his marriage to Helen Upshur Young on July 10, 1920. She became his rudder and stabilizer and understanding helpmate, and now survives him.

Then, as was usual for an officer of ability, came courses for him at the Coast Artillery School and at Leavenworth. With this fine background Dolly was selected for an ROTC detail at Michigan State College, East Lansing, Michigan. During that four year period the college unit was rated "Distinguished", and President Kenyon L. Butterfield commended him for his leadership and his contribution to the prestige of the school.

The years 1927-1930 were spent in Panama. Of this service his Commanding General, Wm. M. Cruikshank, wrote—

"Because of the excellent performance of his duties as a Group Comdr., Bn Comdr., and Adjutant under my observation I appointed him Executive Officer, Panama CA District. * * * I unhesitatingly say that Major Gray possesses the qualities of mind, temperament, and industry which are the requisites of a GS officer".

From 1930 to 1935 Dolly served with Coast Artillery Reserve units; two years in Richmond and three years in Washington, with an interruption of seven months CCC duty in 1933. Again Dolly showed marked ability in his conduct of civilian component affairs. His chief, Col. W. W. McCammon, ended an official commendation with this paragraph—

"Your work has been characterized by those qualities which every military man admires, honesty, courtesy, loyalty, dependability, devotion to duty above everything, outstanding efficiency and conscientious application".

The Coast Artillery Reserve Officers of the 3rd CA District lamented his transfer in an article in their *Bulletin* entitled "Good-bye Dolly Gray". They conclude—"There is no doubt that he is a good mixer, with sufficient sympathy, patience, and common sense to make him almost ideally qualified for service of this kind".

His last command post was at Fort Hancock and there on July 31, 1936 he was placed on the retired list for physical reasons. The Chief of Staff and the Chief of Coast Artillery recognized Dolly's retirement in letters of appreciation of his service. General Malin Craig, Chief of Staff, included in his letter—"Your record discloses that, from the time of your graduation from the USMA in June 1910 to the date of your retirement, you were an officer of marked ability and good judgment and performed the many tasks assigned to you on various assignments of importance with efficiency and zeal". General A. H. Sunderland, Chief of Coast Artillery, also wrote a letter of appreciation of Dolly's thirty years of service.

Dolly and Helen made their retirement move to Washington, D. C.—to the Westchester Apartments—and remained there, accessible to their many friends and interests. Dolly was a longtime member of the Army and Navy Club and belonged to the American Legion, the Delta Upsilon fraternity, and the American Bridge Association. Both of them took an active interest in bridge, but Helen preferred to sit back and cheer. Wm. E. McKenney, of bridge fame, published a hand admirably played by Colonel Gray in a game at the Army Navy Club.

Though his body got weaker, Dolly's mind kept strong and his interest in affairs and people, and especially in the Class of 1910, never waned. As our first class president he did much to keep the record straight, he attended many reunions and was sad indeed to have to miss our 40th Reunion in June 1950. Finally he had to forego even the monthly class luncheons, and one day November 11th, 1950, while at his desk, he capitulated.

He was buried in Arlington National Cemetery on November 14th, 1950, with full military honors. Ten classmates and two lifelong civilian friends were pallbearers, and the Ex-Chief of Chaplains of the Navy, Admiral Wm. N. Thomas, retired, came up from North Carolina to conduct the last service for his old friend.

As the bugle sounded Taps I thought—"His work is done, his race is run, let it be said, 'Well Done, Be Thou at Peace'"

—Clyde A. Selleck, a Classmate.

Eaton Conger Edwards

EX-CADET CLASS OF 1912

DIED JUNE 19, 1950, AT CORONADO,
CALIFORNIA. AGED 60 YEARS.

It is remarkable how a man who had served but two of his allotted four years at West Point should have so persisted in presenting himself at every attainable gathering of his classmates throughout his lifetime that we came to forget that break in his cadet career. This is no reflection upon others whom misfortune took from our cadet ranks—they would probably be first to acknowledge an unusual quality in Eaton Edwards' characteristics, not only his consuming love and reverence for the traditions and accomplishments of our great Alma Mater, but his untiring effort to satisfy the longing in his heart for the professional and fraternal association cut short in 1910.

At old Fort Shaw, a frontier post in the Rockies of Western Montana, our "E. C." was born to Lieutenant Eaton Albert and



Mary Conger Edwards, on August 17, 1889. Steeped in the code and manner of the Old Army, there became part of him the romance and glory of The Academy and of its famous sons. Something too of the depth and temper of his patriotic ambition must have been imparted from those parents.

For, in the best American tradition his father carved out his own rugged career. Brought to Connecticut from Waterford, Ireland, at the age of seven, he was only sixteen when the catastrophe of '61 engulfed his adopted Country, and he promptly enlisted with his State's volunteer troops in the 10th Connecticut Infantry. Badly wounded in his third battle experience in 1862 he recovered to enlist and reenlist in the Regular Service, studied hard and finally won his commission. Again, this time at El Caney, Cuba, on July 1, 1898, as a Captain of the 27th US Infantry, he was shot down in action, fortunately to recover and serve actively until his retirement as a Lieutenant Colonel. Incidentally of close interest to us, an artist brother, George Wharton Edwards, painted the mural of Henry Hudson in the Officers' Club at West Point.

Eaton's mother was Illinois born, her family noted for its active interest in national affairs; for example, her brother, Edwin H. Conger, was United States Minister to China at the time of the Boxer Rebellion. Of Mrs. Edwards, a person in position to observe wrote, "a brave, considerate,

wonderful woman * * * a true blue soldier's wife". She and Colonel Edwards lie buried in Arlington.

Eaton was appointed to West Point by President Taft. He was in Mike Dowd's candidate school when I first met him, in Washington. He at once impressed me with his consuming ambition for an Army career launched from West Point. We planned to live together if we were admitted to the Academy, and it so worked out; I considered myself happy at the time and afterwards to have this close association with him. He had a good mind, never having to strain at his studies to stand high in his rating. Everything about the place, new and current, or old and historical, interested him intensely. He had the faculties that would have insured him a distinguished name in the Army.

But all too soon his happy cadet days were to end. During our yearling autumn he began to notice severe pain in his feet. Brought to light under marching and gymnastics there was found a defect in the bone and tendon structure, the result of a jumping accident of boyhood. Despite hospital care his condition was worse by Spring, and Colonel Gandy confidentially advised him that the only possible cure was prolonged rest of the feet, meaning a turn-back or dismissal. On June 18, after we all had left on furlough, he received the medical decision—he was out. Although he tried hard and long under specialists to recover and return, his hopes were vain.

For him, life in the Armed Service of his Country just had to be. He turned to the Navy, and in March 1913 won an appointment as Ensign, Supply Corps. The following year he was aboard the *USS Nashville* in the Vera Cruz expedition, and, in 1915, in the occupation of Haiti where, at Cap Haitien, he efficiently performed the emergency duties of the offices of the first Collector of Customs and Captain of The Port, until trained Marine personnel could be brought in and installed. In later years he regarded this as one of his most satisfying accomplishments because of his inexperience then, the difficulties he overcame, and the responsibilities involved.

In 1917, attached to the *USS Birmingham*. Eaton served on convoy duty beginning with the first convoy of American troops to France. Incidentally, to illustrate where his heart lay, in July of that year he requested permission to enter an Officers Training Camp, US Army; but his commanding officer returned it on the grounds that: "Assistant Paymaster Edwards is not only an efficient pay officer, but has performed most satisfactorily all other duties assigned, including an important fire-control station in the battle organization of the ship, and his detachment from the Birmingham would be a distinct loss to the ship".

He was at Cardiff, Wales, when the war ended, but shortly afterward he was ordered to the great *Leviathan* as Supply Officer, a tremendous job, as that ship brought home 109,000 men in 1919. This assignment indicated the confidence which his superiors had in him.

In the year following, while on duty at Great Lakes Training Station, he met a young lady from Boston also on duty there, Margaret MacEachern; their marriage on July 20, 1920, destined them for thirty years of a happy, devoted life together and the rearing of three daughters; Peggy, born in 1921, Helen in 1922, and Nancy in 1925. Margaret recalls how greatly Eaton adored his girls and his grandchildren.

Following World War I Eaton's service over the years took him from coast to coast ashore, as well as on sea duty. There was duty at Puget Sound, the Naval Academy,

Washington, D. C., Guantanamo Bay, Pearl Harbor, Mare Island, San Francisco, and a tour of duty on the *USS Tennessee*. He reached the rank of Commander in 1931. Then in the next several years he began to have trouble increasingly with high blood pressure, which finally resulted in his retirement in 1940.

He considered his active career uneventful, but the medals awarded him included the Mexican Vera Cruz Medal, the Haiti Medal of 1915, the Victory Medal of 1917-18, and the American Defense Medal of 1939-40.

In the Fall of his year of retirement he took a position with the Los Angeles Shipbuilding and Drydock Corporation. But in late 1941 he was hospitalized with a severe stroke, which terminated that work. He made a complete recovery and in 1943 took charge of Navy contracts with the Joshua Hendy Iron Works at Sunnyvale, California, where he did a very efficient job that terminated on December 31, 1945.

In 1948 Eaton's health took a turn for the worse. In June of the previous year he came from California to West Point for the 35th reunion of the Class of 1912, feeling good and thoroughly enjoying the occasion. But during 1949 and 1950 his illness increased, finally becoming too great a burden for his stout spirit and, on June 19, 1950, our "E. C." had run his course. They laid him to rest at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery, California.

Besides his widow, Margaret, Eaton left his daughters: Miss Peggy Edwards, living in San Diego, California; Mrs. William Dale Kelly (Helen) and her two children, Darcy and Danny, of Kentfield, California; and Mrs. Henry K. Kellner, Jr. (Nancy) and her three children Michael, Karol and Kenneth, of San Francisco. His sister, Mrs. Bruce L. Canaga, of Berkeley, California, also survives him.

We of the Class of 1912 will miss Eaton Edwards at our gatherings. Those of us who happened to have had especially close association with him can testify that the fine old institution he so loved could have no more loyal and worthy son than "E. C." To see him appear time after time through the years to taste again the draught of fraternity, to "stand up in a row" and have his spirit lifted, was an inspiration. We respected him for his character and his accomplishments, and we loved him for his affections—our Classmate.

—C. P. D.

John Traylor McLane

NO. 5081 CLASS OF 1912

DIED AUGUST 25, 1950, AT ASHEVILLE,

NORTH CAROLINA. AGED 62 YEARS.

THE summer of 1950 was wet and dreary in Western North Carolina. A day of sunshine was one to be savored and enjoyed, and that's why August twenty-fifth offered a tempting invitation to John T. McLane and his grandson, Mike Mosely. Mike wasn't much help, but he entered into the preparation for a picnic with all the zest of his three and a half years.

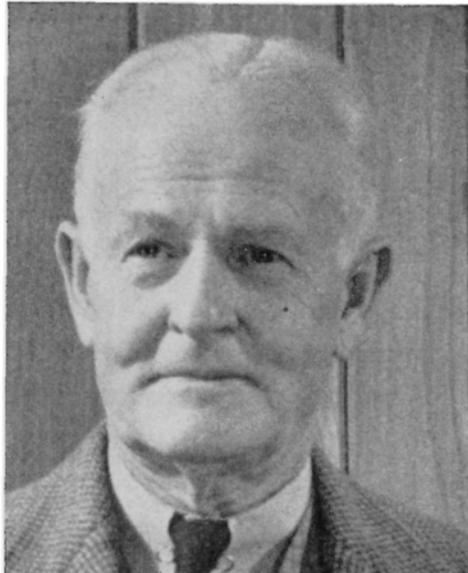
They drove west out of Asheville, through Canton, and along the Pigeon River road, up into the mountains. At lunch time they stopped beside the river to eat their sandwiches, and Mike said they had such a good time. It must have been soon after they started on their way again that John began to feel badly. A few hundred yards beyond a little country store, he pulled to the side of the road and wrote his name and tele-

phone number on a page from his pocket notebook. Soon, some one came from the store and found Mike crying.

It was a fitting way for John to die; on a lovely summer afternoon, on a little country road. He was born in a country town, McCormick, South Carolina, on August 10, 1888. Throughout his life, fields and woods and streams held a particular charm for him. On the day of his death he had planned to look at a fishing camp that was for sale.

John's mother and father died when he was very young. He was raised by a guardian who fulfilled the true spirit of that office and whom he loved and respected. He lived in a Southern world, still inhabited by those who had fought at Bull Run, Chickamauga, and Gettysburg, and his grandfather told stories of the Civil War. The old man brought to life the great Confederate leaders under whom he had served, and John began dreaming of West Point and a career in the Army. He earned a scholarship to Clemson College from which he went to West Point, entering with the Class of 1911 on June 15, 1907.

His three years at Clemson stood John (or "Mac", as he was known to his class-



mates) in good stead during Plebe year, and by Yearling June he was a corporal. He was a hard worker, but illness and difficulty with the Math Department conspired against him, and at Christmas, 1908, he was turned back to the Fourth Class.

Following an interest which began during his country boyhood and grew while he was studying Animal Husbandry at Clemson, Mac chose the Cavalry. After graduation in 1912, his first assignment was with the 14th Cavalry at Fort Clark, Texas. During the next three years, he was almost constantly in the field on the Mexican Border. For his part in an incident resulting in the capture of Mexican bandits, he was commended by the Commanding General, Southern Department.

Mac was in Panama when the United States entered World War I and from there was ordered to Camp Lee, Virginia. It was a bitter disappointment to him that he did not get overseas during that war. His work in training the National Army of that day was rewarded with promotion to the temporary rank of Lieutenant Colonel in 1918.

In June 1919 Mac married Ruth Bailey of Oakmont, Pennsylvania, whom he had met at Camp Lee. He was stationed in Charleston, South Carolina, then, and on their way south after the wedding, Mac and Ruth spent their honeymoon in Asheville. Their daughter, Jean, was born in 1920, and their son, John T., Jr., in 1923.

The years between World War I and World War II were about evenly divided between staff and troop duty. Wherever he went, Mac took his horses and enjoyed training them, competing in horse shows and riding with his family. He had hunting dogs too, and upon reaching a new station, would inquire immediately into the quail situation. Whether in line of duty or as recreation, his pleasantest days were spent in the field.

Then World War II came. Mac was at the Presidio of San Francisco. This time he determined to get overseas. And he did, in spite of a heart ailment which he had been fighting since 1935. On September 1, 1942 he sailed for the South Pacific where he served on the staff of the Area Commander. After a year he was hospitalized for malaria and threatened with return to the States because of his heart condition which was again disclosed. Mac bitterly protested any such action, stating his urgent desire to remain on active duty in the Theater of Operations. In spite of his protests, he was returned to the States and retired for physical disability (a heart condition) on March 31, 1944.

Soon after retirement, Mac and Ruth bought a place near Middlebury, Vermont. There was enough land to keep a few horses and to have an extensive garden. (Mac amazed skeptical Vermonters by raising that favorite South Carolina vegetable, okra.) It seemed the perfect place to settle permanently, but Vermont winters are long and hard, and Mac's heart could not stand the rigorous climate.

In the Fall of 1948 he and Ruth returned to Asheville, where they had spent their honeymoon and where Mac had been stationed twelve years before as a National Guard Instructor. They began building a house at once and lived in it exactly a year before Mac's death. He is buried in Cavalry Churchyard at Fletcher on a little rise of ground. It is too far to see, but beyond the hills lies South Carolina, the state where he was born.

—J. McL. M.

Robert Allen Sharrer

NO. 5495 CLASS OF 1916

DIED AUGUST 4, 1950, AT CORONADO, CALIFORNIA, AGED 56 YEARS.

WHEN the entering plebe class assembled at West Point in the summer of 1912, the first step in the life goal of a quiet, pensive, smiling youth from historic Maryland was fulfilled. Seldom is one's life career chosen and so definitely planned in early boyhood, but at the age of ten years Bob Sharrer developed a determined ambition to graduate from the United States Military Academy and serve his country as a soldier. Thence this became the guiding theme in his life and he pursued it throughout his years with steadfastness, loyalty and devotion. Never has our Alma Mater produced a more faithful son.

Bob was born on October 12, 1893 at Westminster, Maryland, and came to West Point well schooled in the basic studies and matured beyond his nineteen years. During our cadet days we learned to know him well and we quickly appreciated the sterling goodness of his character and the deep sense of responsibility which he felt toward everything he attempted. Many dreary moments during those four long years were brightened by the cheerful presence and sound friendly counsel of smiling Bob, who was ever ready and willing to lend a helping hand to those less fortunately endowed with ability to cope with the rigors of the academic courses.

His magnetic personality and unaggressive self-reliant manner endeared him to all, and the talents of his brilliant mind, which he so freely shared, saved many a struggling cadet whose military career would have otherwise been brief.

Shortly after graduation, Bob and Madeleine Saks were united in marriage, continuing a romance of youth and establishing a beautiful family association enduring through the years.

Bob's high class standing naturally earned him a commission in the Corps of Engineers, in which branch he served with distinction throughout his military career both at home and abroad. At the close of World War I he was returned to his beloved Alma Mater as an instructor in the Department of Practical Military Engineering and later in the Department of Mathematics. Always a devout student with a healthy thirst for knowledge, Bob was one of the best informed men in his class not only on matters pertaining to his profession but on current national and world affairs as well. His ability to impart his wealth of knowledge to others in a simple, patient and understandable manner marked him as a great teacher and endeared him to all who were fortunate enough to come under his tutorage.

Bob did not let his intense love of reading and his continuing pursuit of knowledge interfere with his enjoyment of other less confining aspects of living. On the contrary, he found ample time to devote to the civic affairs and social activities of the communities in which he lived, and to enjoy an ever increasing circle of friends. He was an ardent devotee of athletic sports and outdoor activities, and closely followed the progress of West Point teams even to the point of knowing the players by name and much of their past records in the world of sports.

Football was one of his favorite sports, his love for which was expressed in the painstaking hours which he spent in compiling and publishing complete statistical and historical illustrated records of the



West Point football teams in their national championship years of 1944 and 1945.

In 1921, Bob enrolled in a post-graduate course at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and graduated the following year with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. There followed many assignments in his Army career both military and on civil work of the Corps of Engineers including foreign service in the Philippines and later service in Europe in charge of the European office of the American Battle Monuments Commission.

After twenty-four years of service to his country and during the peaceful lull before World War II, Bob retired from active duty at his own request, and the family chose Coronado, California, as their future home. Here on the waterfront they built a beautiful home overlooking San Diego Bay and the picturesque mountains in the distant background.

Life in retirement proved to be brief, for, sensing the involvement of our country in another world conflict, Bob applied for active duty in 1939 and served in the Corps of Engineers throughout World War II, returning to retired life in Coronado after the termination of hostilities.

Bob's retirement among his many friends and in his beloved Southern California surroundings was destined to be brief. His health failed and it became necessary for him to undergo a delicate operation. He entered the hospital for this ordeal with the same cheerful philosophical attitude which had characterized his life. His determined courage and his great love of life carried him through to a remarkable recovery which, for a time, gave hope for a complete return to normal health. However, after a brief relapse, Bob's great, kindly eternal spirit ascended unto God and we mourned the passing of a beloved classmate, a great soldier and scholar, and a true friend.

Interment took place with full military honors in the Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery on the sunny slopes of Point Loma overlooking San Diego Bay and his home in Coronado which he loved with such devotion. He is survived by his widow Madeleine, daughter Honore, and son Peter.

—W. D. S.

William Theodore Powers
NO. 6200 CLASS OF NOVEMBER, 1918
DIED AUGUST 28, 1950, AT PATTERSON,
NEW YORK, AGED 53 YEARS.

OF all the men I knew, Supreme Court Justice William T. Powers was one of the most thoroughly active. I was forever fascinated by his enthusiasm—an enthusiasm incidentally that was magnified in times of crisis—and invariably I would be able to absorb some of that self-confident animation to tide me through my personal problems. Bill Powers never let me get the best of myself. I shall remember him for that the rest of my life.

I first met Bill Powers at a civic meeting long before either of us had even dreamed of becoming members of the Supreme Court Bench. That night, in a cogent extemporaneous talk, he offered the audience an organizational plan to cure our city of some civic ills. He made good sense. I realized then that Bill Powers was a clear thinker. I made it a point to meet him and since then until his untimely passing last summer we remained good friends. Through the years I learned to appreciate him more and more for his sincerity and devotion to the legal philosophies which he ably interpreted during his all too short tenure in the New York State Supreme Court. In this world where greed and slander sometimes obliterate the good in individuals, there were very few who could speak with malice of Bill Powers.

The news of his death last August shocked me beyond words. I was incapable of thinking of Bill—with his vibrant personality and active nature—as finally coming to rest. I sat that day in my library thinking about the times I had spent with him and the characteristics for which I had admired him greatly. I found that I was attempting to

discover the patterns in his life that enabled him to enjoy the esteem he was so universally granted.

I think Bill Powers' wonderful sense of organization was one of his finest attributes. There must be some kind of innate ability that enables one to unwind complexities to a basic, logical and progressive series of events, but unfortunately that power is wasted in most men. It was not wasted in Bill Powers. Perhaps that was due to his education at the United States Military Academy. In 1918, when he was graduated and entered the Army as a Second Lieuten-



ant of Cavalry, he was a young man of 21. He served until 1920 as a commissioned officer, resigning from the service to pursue the study of law.

West Point training and military service always were Bill Powers' fond explanation for his vigor and vibrant approach to life. A few months before he died, when the Court was preparing to recess for the summer, Bill came to me in one of those nostalgic moods that everyone drifts into at times. He talked to me for hours about the Point and how he loved it, and I realized that Bill Powers was truly a product of his own training. Justice William T. Powers, it seemed to me that summery afternoon, could never have been a well-rounded civic figure unless he had gone through the metamorphosis of first being Cadet Powers, then Lieutenant Powers and, finally, Lieutenant Colonel Powers, the rank he held during service in the South Pacific in World War II. I knew then that Bill Powers was cognizant of and extremely grateful for the West Point education that had molded him into the leader that he was.

He was a sound lawyer from the time he received his law degree at Fordham in 1923. Always a vigilant citizen, he was not afraid to speak his mind, and whatever he said was so cogent and sincere that even his political opponents would hesitate to raise harsh objection. Nothing insulted him more than the activities of those who exploited their trust while in public office. Bill ran for the office of Assembly in 1926 with the support of the Fusion reform movement. While he was unable to buck the tight grip of the machine, he never during his lifetime capitulated to those forces. He was a radiant personality, and he was one of the few men I knew who was able to coordinate principle and action so successfully.

In 1946, when he was elected to the Supreme Court, the new Justice Powers jubilantly approached me in my chambers. Happiness was evident all over his expressive face and, old soldier that he was, he

blushed when I told him that I was lucky to have a friend and a legal colleague of his calibre. Smiling and proud, Bill Powers told me that his wife and children were his greatest source of pleasure and that without their understanding and prodding, he might have been a failure. I don't think that Bill Powers could ever have been a failure, but I do think that his family was an important factor in enhancing his greatness as a jurist with a keen sense of justice. His family relationship was ideal and with the mutual love, understanding and devotion which was so evident among the Powers family, he found the wisdom and strength to adhere to his high social and religious ideals.

William Theodore Powers has now passed on. For 53 years he met the challenge of overcoming the vicissitudes of society with the fervor of the warrior, the wisdom of the prophet and the reverence of the humble lover of God. I and thousands of others weep in his passing, but I suspect that Bill Powers, in his heavenly abode, looks upon death as another test and challenge. He may very well be uttering the words of James Terry White:

"Why should I fear death's call?
Can there e'er be in life more
beautiful adventure than to re-
embark upon that unknown sea?"

—M. S.

Perry William Brown

NO. 7374 CLASS OF 1924

KILLED JULY 17, 1950, IN A PLANE CRASH, IN INDIA, AGED 48 YEARS.

COLONEL PERRY W. BROWN was killed on July 17, 1950, in an air crash between New Delhi and Srinagar, India. He was enroute to assist General Courtney H. Hodges on a mission for the United Nations. He was in the Second Armored Division Artillery and his last post was Fort Hood, Texas. He was transferred from Hood to Governors Island when General Hodges requested that Colonel Brown assist him in India for six months.

Colonel Brown was born in Chicago on August 12, 1901, and was graduated from West Point in 1924. He went to Oklahoma in 1928, then to Spain, thence back to West Point to teach Spanish. Then he saw service in the Philippines. After further service in the United States, including a tour at Fort Bragg, he was stationed in Alaska, where he was awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services during World War II as Assistant Chief of Staff, G4, Alaskan Defense Command, from April 1942 to January 1944. The citation accompanying his award further stated "that by his outstanding executive ability and untiring energy, Colonel Brown directed and developed the supply procedure for the Alaskan Defense Command to a high degree of efficiency during a period that included active operations against the enemy and involved a rapid increase in the strength and area occupied by U.S. troops. His ingenuity in developing supply and transportation methods and his skill in applying them to the functions of the G4 office facilitated good planning and superior staff coordination at all times. The soundness of his foresight and judgment insured that the troops in the Alaskan Defense Command were promptly and adequately supplied".

Colonel Brown was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement in ground operations against the enemy in the

European Theater of Operations from November 1944-May 1945.

With his Army Commendation Ribbon for meritorious achievement in the European Theater from December 1945-February 1947 there was the following tribute:

"Perry W. Brown

"To you who answered the call of your country and served in its Armed Forces to bring about the total defeat of the enemy, I extend the heartfelt thanks of a grateful Nation. As one of the Nation's finest, you undertook the most severe task one can be



called upon to perform. Because you demonstrated the fortitude, resourcefulness and calm judgment necessary to carry out that task, we now look to you for leadership and example in further exalting our country in peace.

(Signed) Harry S. Truman"

In March 1949 Colonel Brown received the Army General Staff badge, which was returned to us with his insignia and watch, badly burned; all that was salvaged from the crash.

General Hodges wrote to Colonel Brown's stepmother to extend deepest sympathy on the sorrowful occasion. He said that he had known Colonel Brown since the days when the Colonel was a cadet at the Military Academy and General Hodges was a member of the teaching staff.

Chaplain Floyd E. Bresee, of Fort Hood, Texas, wrote that they had had a memorial church service for Colonel Brown at Fort Hood, with the following tribute in the church bulletin:

"It is a joy and a pleasure for us to dedicate our chapel service to a leader of men, an apt scholar and a Christian gentleman. Colonel Brown was a worthy friend, our commanding officer of the Division Artillery".

Before leaving for India, Colonel Brown visited with Brigadier General James I. Nold and Colonel James Russell Wheaton, with whom he was in Alaska; and with the families of Colonel Charles G. Meehan and Colonel Benjamin S. Mesick, a West Point roommate.

Colonel R. T. Beurket, another West Point roommate, now stationed at Headquarters of the Chemical Center at Tooele, Utah, wrote, "Colonel Brown's sole idea in this world was to make a substantial contribution toward making it a better place".

The following officers attended the services for Colonel Brown in Arlington National Cemetery on August 17, 1950: Brig-

adier General James I. Nold, Colonels Donald Bailey, William Eley and James Russell Wheaton; the following West Point classmates—Brigadier General James E. Moore, Colonels Francis M. Day, Ralph Glasgow, Victor Conrad, Thomas G. McCulloch, Samuel H. Fisher, Martin F. Hass, Benjamin Schultz Mesick, Charles G. Meehan, James P. Hulley, Cary J. King, Joseph A. Morris; two officers from Colonel Brown's last post at Fort Hood, Texas, two representatives of India, and a member of the United Nations staff.

The flag from the casket was presented to be delivered to Mrs. William H. Brown, his stepmother, with the sympathy of the Nation.

The finest tribute that can be paid to Colonel Brown was his faithful devotion to Mrs. Brown. He was kindness personified.

The letters of condolence from The Adjutant General of the Army, Major General Edward F. Witsell; the Secretary of the Army, the Honorable Frank Pace, Jr.; and the United Nations' Observers in Kashmir, India, among others; are treasured by Mrs. Brown.

—I. S. S.

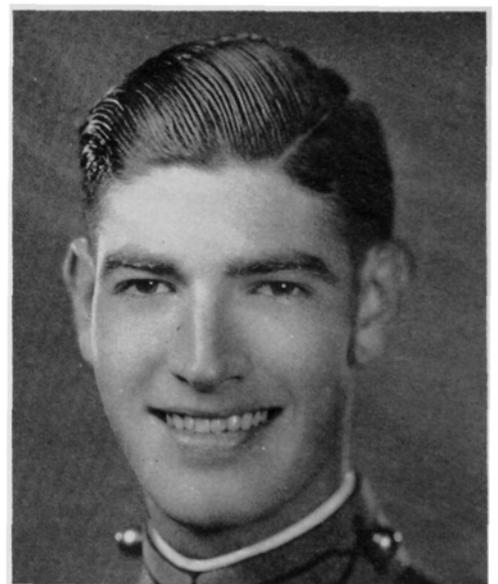
Maxwell Weston Sullivan, Jr.

NO. 12618 CLASS OF 1941

KILLED IN ACTION, JANUARY 27, 1943, IN THE EUROPEAN THEATER, AGED 24 YEARS.

SULLY came to us from Fort Scott, California, well prepared for the rigors of Academy life. Son of Colonel and Mrs. Maxwell W. Sullivan, U.S.M.A. '12, he had the fine heritage and background of a real military family.

As a roommate, Sully exemplified all of the fine qualities of a gentleman, a friend, and a pal. When the academic grind was at its roughest, Sully was always helpful,



especially to those of us that were deficient and discouraged.

Although Sully did not find time to participate in Corps Squad Athletics, he did play an excellent game of tennis. Slim of build, he was very fast on the court, and his terrific serve made him a tough man to beat.

For the Saturday night hops, Sully would invariably drag the elusive 3.0. Tall, slim, dark and handsome, he preferred the tall stately blond femmes. However, he always

remained true to his O.A.O. from San Francisco and always hoped to marry her on graduation day.

Upper class years passed by quickly, and Sully took Infantry training with us during First Class year. However, Sully had intentions of getting assigned to the Air Corps upon graduation. During the link training, he showed us that he had the potentialities of an airman.

Many of us had the pleasure of having happy reunions with Sully prior to the outbreak of hostilities on December 7, 1941. Sully won his coveted silver Air Corps Pilot Wings and was assigned to the flying of B-17s. He loved flying and showed great promise of achieving prominence in the then rapidly expanding Army Air Corps.

World War II, however, scattered our class throughout the world from India, Islands in the Pacific Ocean, and Australia to North Africa and Europe, and contact with Sully was remote. We learned that he joined the 68th Bombardment Squadron, 44th Bomb Group, 8th Air Force in England during the latter part of 1942. After flying several missions against the Nazis in his B-17 he earned the award of the Air Medal. On January 27, 1943 he made the supreme sacrifice for his country during an air mission over Holland when his B-17 was shot down by Nazi fighter planes.

Only 24 years of age, First Lieutenant Maxwell Weston Sullivan, Jr., AM, PH, terminated what may have become a brilliant career in our present Air Force. Although he left us suddenly, Sully influenced many of us to carry on with the tenaciousness and perseverance that he always exemplified.

We salute you Sully, as you join the Long Gray Line.

—Classmate.

Harold William Woodson

NO. 13802 CLASS OF JUNE, 1943

KILLED JANUARY 31, 1950, IN A PLANE CRASH AT LA TINTA, GUATEMALA, AGED 28 YEARS.

"He's flying now, he has his wings,
But not the clever man-made things,
He has another pair,—bomb-proof—
His soul's been growing them since youth.
I've watched them grow for years you know;
Not feathered like the cherubim,
But, oh, so much a part of him!
Not life nor death can stop his flight,
His soul has wings into the night.
Through dark to dawn,
He shall fly on and on."

CAPTAIN HAROLD WILLIAM WOODSON ("Woody" to his friends) was born May 3, 1921, in Roanoke, Virginia, where he attended grade school and Jefferson High School. Later he attended Roanoke College in nearby Salem, Virginia. He was appointed to West Point from his home state by the Honorable Clifton A. Woodrum, Congressman of the 6th District, and entered July 1, 1940.

It was in Roanoke, during his boyhood days, that Harold chose his career. Even at the age of eight he started building model planes and thinking of flying. His room at home was always strewn with bits of rice paper, balsa wood and other materials necessary for building miniature planes, right up to the time he left for West Point. Then later, when he realized the rest of his ambition—to go to West Point—it seemed really his dreams coming true.

Besides his studies, Harold's main activity was related to music. However, he par-

ticipated in other school activities eagerly, and was a competent member of the track team. His First Class year, he was made President of the Dialectic Society and Director of the Cadet Orchestra. He was also co-author of both the 1942 and 1943 100th Night Shows, the annual presentations staged by Cadets one hundred days before graduation—and wrote words and music to eight songs used in these shows; two of his songs were copyrighted and published in the Edition of West Point Songs, which contains songs composed by Cadets as far back as 1865. All who were Cadets in Harold's time remember his musical talent and his energetic activities in this field.

Some of the happiest days of his life were spent at West Point, first as a Cadet, and later as an Instructor, where he was held in high esteem by both Officers and Cadets. Upon completion of his Third Class year, Harold was among the first group of Cadets to take up aviation. His Primary training was at Sequoia Field, Visalia, California, during the summer of 1942. Later, he continued training at Stewart Field, along with a stepped-up and rigorous condensed academic course. His First Class year he attained the



rank of Lieutenant in the Corps of Cadets. He received his wings at West Point on May 31, 1943 at a ceremony conducted by General Arnold. No one was ever prouder of the wings than Harold. After graduation, he was assigned to Hendricks Field, Florida, where he was married to Miss Jean Delaney, also of Roanoke. From Hendricks Field he was assigned to further tactical training at Pyote Field, Texas. Later, as a fully qualified pilot, he was transferred to Dalhart, Texas, where he was promoted to the grade of First Lieutenant. During a practice bombing flight there, his ship caught fire; he ordered his crew to abandon ship, and with complete disregard for his own safety, remained in the burning plane and landed it safely.

His last assignment before going overseas was at Rapid City, South Dakota. Then he was sent to Europe where he served with the Eighth Air Force, 398th Bombardment Group, as pilot of a B-17, Operations Officer and Squadron Commander. For his action he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with three clusters, and a meritorious citation, and was entitled to wear the Presidential Unit Citation.

After his return he was assigned to West Point as an Instructor in Advanced Flying at Stewart Field. Later when Stewart Field was abolished as a Training Base, Harold was assigned to duty at West Point as an Instructor in Military Topography and Graphics. He remained there in this capac-

ity until August 1948, when he was assigned to Washington, D. C., to attend the Strategic Intelligence School, in preparation for a later assignment as Assistant Air Attache, at the United States Embassy at Guatemala City, Guatemala, C. A.

Harold was ambitious and possessed of a consuming desire to make good and earn the respect of those with whom he served. His friends were legion, attracted to him wherever he went, all the way from his childhood through West Point, and later in his service as an officer. He had a happy disposition, was brave, honorable and manly. He was devoted to his wife, his three children and his parents. He was a credit to the honor and traditions of the Military Academy.

At the time of his death, January 31, 1950, he was on a routine photographic mission. He was only fifty miles from his station at Guatemala City, and the report from a small airport at La Tinta said the plane was flying at low altitude. Since the surrounding area is hilly and mountainous, it was assumed the other pilot, who was flying at the time, was unable to climb fast enough to avoid the mountains.

A memorial service was held in Guatemala City, attended by the Diplomatic Corps, the Guatemala military personnel, the President and members of the Cabinet, and other prominent Guatemalans and Americans. The crew members of the plane were placed aboard an aircraft and flown to Gorgas Hospital in the Canal Zone whence they were later carried home for burial. Captain Woodson was buried in Evergreen Cemetery in Roanoke, Virginia, on February 25, 1950, after a brief funeral service conducted by Reverend Harry Y. Gamble, using the West Point Cadet Prayer, and epitaph written by the American Ambassador to Guatemala, Richard C. Patterson, Jr.:

"Free from self-seeking, envy, low design,
I have not found a whiter soul than thine."

—By a Friend and His Mother.

Milton Henry DeVault

NO. 14993 CLASS OF 1945

KILLED IN ACTION, SEPTEMBER 6, 1950, IN KOREA, AGED 28 YEARS.

As parents of an always thoughtful and devoted son, we are privileged to write this Memorial in loving tribute to his honor and memory.

Milton was born in Syracuse, N. Y., on November 10, 1921. From early childhood he came to be known to all as "Bud". Even in his youthful years he manifested qualities of character and leadership which endeared him to all his friends and associates. These characteristics served him admirably in his Boy Scout activities and in the realm of sports of which he was so fond.

Bud graduated from High School in Amsterdam, N. Y., in 1940, and in the fall of that year entered the University of Tennessee. Successful in his qualifying examinations, he received an appointment to West Point in July 1941, and was graduated from the Academy in June 1945.

After brief training at the Tank Destroyer School, Second Lieutenant De Vault was sent to Japan, where he served with the 302nd Reconnaissance Troop, 1st Cavalry Division, in the Occupation Forces. While there he was cited for his "outstanding performance of duty". He surveyed many air strips and air fields. He escorted ex-President Hoover and Secretary of War Robert Patterson on their visit to Tokyo, and vari-

ous foreign dignitaries and high American officers and statesmen who visited Japan while he was there. Bud remained in Japan two and one-half years, and was promoted to First Lieutenant during that time. From Japan he was assigned to Fort Lewis, Washington, in the 72nd Heavy Tank Battalion.

Lieutenant DeVault was married to Gayle Duncan, of Olympia, Washington, in July 1950. After United States troops became involved in the war in Korea, he arrived with his Battalion at Pusan on August 15, 1950. His letters were cheerful and hopeful. As to the manner in which he served his Country, we are indebted to First Lieutenant Robert Carper, of C. Company, 72nd Heavy Tank Battalion, who wrote us from Korea on December 28, 1950, as follows:

"On September 6, during the time that we held such a precarious position on the Nak-tong River, the enemy had penetrated our perimeter to such a depth that the entire front was threatened. Since the North Koreans had succeeded in seizing the high ground overlooking our lines, we were under continuous observation and fire from artillery, tanks and small arms. The enemy continued to strengthen his forces and by



massed attack advanced to within 300 yards of the Regimental Command post. To prevent collapse of the position, our Commanding General decided to attack at 1100 hours September 6th, 1950.

"We were greatly outnumbered and knew that the attack would be a hazardous gamble. We knew also that unless this action succeeded not only our own forces would be overrun but that units on our flanks and elements to the rear would be thrown back. When the attack order was being prepared Lieutenant DeVault recommended that the tanks lead the attack. He reasoned that infantry troops would suffer heavy losses advancing against strong enemy forces, well entrenched on high ground, and possessing numerous automatic weapons.

"Lieutenant DeVault volunteered to lead the attack personally. To an officer of his experience he knew that the lead tank would be under the most intense enemy fire; because to repel the attack the enemy would concentrate the fire of all available weapons to stop that tank. We attacked and met concentrated enemy fire. Lieutenant DeVault, standing in the turret of his tank, directed the attack down a road swept by fire, through a small village and assaulted the strongest of the enemy positions. By this time the North Koreans, realizing the relentless determination with which the attack was pushing forward, began to fall back.

"Lieutenant DeVault was hit by enemy fire and immediately lost consciousness. I was riding in his tank at that time and he did not appear to be in pain. He never regained consciousness. To the best of my knowledge his body was interred at the U.S. Military Cemetery, Miryang, Korea.

"During the time that Lieutenant DeVault served with our company he earned the respect and friendship of all who met him. Due to his professional knowledge and thorough grasp of military affairs, he was particularly valuable in training those of us less experienced than he. May I take this opportunity to extend the sympathy of officers and men of C Company and of the entire Battalion. Since Lieutenant DeVault had served with us for such a long period of time, his death was a profound personal loss—mourned by all".

As parents, we shall ever mourn the loss of a good son. However, it is consoling to know that in our intimate knowledge of him the high purposes of righteous living were strictly adhered to by our boy, and, last, but not least, he has given his life to a most noble cause, the preservation of freedom as exemplified by the United States of America.

Richard Wale Williver

NO. 14899 CLASS OF 1945

DIED NOVEMBER 1, 1949, AT PENSACOLA, FLORIDA, AGED 27 YEARS.

LIEUTENANT RICHARD WALE WILLIVER, born in Cleveland, Ohio on April 12, 1922, died on November 1, 1949 while stationed at Tyndall Field, Panama City, Florida.

From the time he was born Dicky had a tremendous spark of life and vitality. So great was this spark, that we had come to believe that he was indestructible. He outwitted doctors and cheated death so often, and carried on in life with such a tremendous amount of dynamic energy that we feel certain this cannot be lost. This wonderful, vital spark is alive and giving out somewhere in our world today, and it is bound to be carrying the imprint of Dick's personality. This personality of boundless energy, creative, resourceful, and with the qualities of leadership, is affecting all those who knew him intimately and loved him.

Dick spent most of his free time when he was attending Clover Park High School at Lakewood near McChord Field, Washington, riding "Mose", his cow pony, and practicing shooting from his horse, at any target he could find on the extensive uninhabited acreage close to our home, where he rode. He joined the rifle team in high school and became a marksman and sharpshooter. The gift of a 300-year old pistol brought to him from Germany, started him on his major lifetime hobby, collecting guns. Dick studied the history of every gun he owned and could give a very comprehensive lecture on the subject.

When he was sixteen he attended CMTC at Fort Lewis, and won the Hills Military Scholarship award, plus the Veteran of Foreign Wars Medal for being the best basic in Camp. This gave him a taste of Army life and he determined then that he would try to enter West Point. Before he succeeded in securing an appointment he attended the College of Puget Sound, and when the appointment did not materialize at the end of that year he decided to go to the University of Washington where he studied engineering. He became affiliated with the Alpha Delta Phi fraternity, and did amateur boxing for the glory of the house. His appointment to West Point materialized after one year at the University.

It was a great day when Dick set foot on the train to take him to West Point. His ambition had finally been realized. We knew we were giving a son to the Army who had all the qualifications necessary to become a fine officer. He had proven so often to us his great resourcefulness, his courage and his deep and often tender loyalty. We were both proud and sad when we waved goodbye.

—His Mother.

July 1, 1942, was a day to which Dick Williver had long looked forward. His father an Army officer, his country at war, Willie realized his greatest ambition when he first entered Central Area at the Academy as a Cadet.

Willie's buoyant spirit conquered plebe year as easily as his keen mind mastered academics, and he still found time to excel at track and cross-country.

As an upperclassman, the only times he was ever known to order a plebe to report was when there was "boodle" to be shared with the underclassman. He never missed a hop at the gymnasium or Cullum Hall. He was an expert skier and, whether on the ski



slopes, at a hop or studying during Call to Quarters, his friendly, light-hearted nature brought pleasure to all who knew him.

It was during yearling year that Willie found his second love—flying. His good judgment, physical coordination, sense of teamwork, and courage made him a natural airman. Despite the additional load of flying training, his perseverance in his studies continued; and he also emerged as one of the top intercollegiate cross-country contenders.

The most striking thing about Willie, however, was not just his success as a student, an athlete, or a flier, but rather the breadth and development of his whole personality. He was a companion and cherished friend to all who knew him. His place in the Long Gray Line of West Pointers is uniquely his own. To his classmates, Willie is still "on duty" beside them.

—His Roommate.

The first six months after graduation were as hectic and unstable for Dick as they were for us all, but they were, nevertheless, a pleasure and a challenge. Fighter-gunnery training, new station assignments, fighter transition, and more new station assignments were the daily topics of conversation.

With the new year came orders for Kearns, Utah, which meant overseas shipment to the Pacific. It was on board the "Admiral Hughes" enroute to Manila that I first became closely associated with Dick. My first

impression of Dick was that he would be a cool-headed, efficient officer and pilot. The following years proved my impression to be correct. Dick invariably exerted his best efforts on every job assigned to him, regardless of its size or relative importance.

After a few weeks in Manila we were re-assigned to the 51st Fighter Group on Okinawa. While assigned to this Group, Dick gained valuable experience in the fields of supply and operations, in addition to his flying duties as a P-47 and F-80 pilot.

Although recreational facilities were at a minimum, Dick made the best of the situation. He salvaged, rebuilt, and maintained a small cabin cruiser. This boat occupied a large percentage of his off-duty time and also provided many of us in the Group with enjoyable weekends.

During the middle of his overseas tour Dick was granted a Stateside leave to get married. He married Phyllis Dore Lofgren, whom he had met while on leave, following graduation from West Point. It always seemed strange to Dick, that after all those years away from home he should return there to find the girl he wished to marry. They had attended the same high school and shared the same birthdays, April 12, Phyllis having been born five years later on that date. After a short honeymoon on the West Coast, Dick returned to the Group and dreamed of the day when he would be reunited with his wife.

Finally the big day came and Dick returned to the States, Phyllis, and his home. His orders assigned him to the 55th Fighter Squadron at Shaw Field, South Carolina. He proceeded with his usual enthusiasm to establish his home and to do his part within the Squadron. Needless to say, there was no happier pilot than Dick when the Squadron received its F-84 Thunderjets.

During the summer of 1948 Dick attended the Air Tactical School at Tyndall Field, Florida. He returned to Shaw with many new ideas and he put these into practical application in his organization.

As a cadet, Dick was an outstanding athlete, and he carried this ability into his life as an Air Force officer. He was always eager and willing to play with his squadron during intramural activities, and always had time for a game of touch football or tennis with his wife and friends.

In the summer of 1949 Dick was requested as an instructor at the Air Tactical School and was assigned to the Seminar Division. During this time he continued to develop new ideas, both for his own personal knowledge and for the benefit of those he instructed.

Dick's untimely death came as a great shock to us all, but he will continue to be in our hearts and memories as a true friend and an outstanding officer.

—His Friend.

On June 15, 1945, the day that Dick and I were married, a dream came true for both of us. Like all young couples we set out to conquer the world. Dick entered everything with a zest that was almost breathtaking. Just as our honeymoon was full of lighthearted fun and excitement, so was our life that followed. When things seemed to go wrong, and the outlook appeared gloomy, in would come Dick, singing, smiling, and probably dancing, telling me to forget it, and relax, everything would come out right, and it usually did.

Our first home was at Shaw Air Force Base, Sumter, South Carolina. It was there that our only child was born, Richard Wale Williver, II. Richie's arrival inspired his Daddy to design a comical little stork called the "Dickbird", to be put on his jet plane. Dick used to try to disguise his pride and

deep feelings with an over-all casualness that puzzled many, but no one knew better than I what a sweet and sentimental person he was.

Shortly after attending Air Tactical School in Florida, Dick was assigned there to instruct in the Seminar Division. It was amazing to me the growth and development that took place within him during the nine months that we were there. He loved his work, and was constantly trying to think of new methods and ways to teach that would simplify the work for both instructor and student. Many an evening and afternoon his fellow students would come to him for additional help, and Dick always appreciated their interest. He had such an abundance of ambition and drive that it used to worry me occasionally. His best was never good enough, for him there was always a higher goal.

Being a sports enthusiast, Dick had me out playing football, baseball, and golf our every spare moment, and we both loved it. When Richie arrived however, my spare moments became fewer, so Dick taught all the neighborhood boys the games. At the same time Dick organized five baseball teams amongst our neighboring officers. Dick was a spark of life in every community that we lived in, and his buoyancy and vitality were bound to be catching.

Dick had a personality that bubbled over with wit and mischievousness when he was happy. It was impossible to stay angry with him. He loved to sing and dance, and to imitate radio and screen personalities. Just as I would be trying my hardest to be angry, Dick would be doing a soft toe, with a little of Al Jolson on the side. All the while there would be that mischievous twinkle in his eyes that I could never resist.

Dick's serious side was just as intense as his gaiety. He worried and planned endlessly for the future. His beliefs were firm, and his philosophy of life wholesome and deep rooted. He loved nothing better than a good stimulating discussion, and would lose himself for hours in such activity.

His family, his devotion to his parents and friends became all important to him. He changed from the carefree bachelor that I married to a very stable, settled father and husband. Though we were married only two and a half years, they were the richest and happiest years of my life, far more so than I had ever hoped or dreamed of. For that I am grateful, and I know Dick is too.

—His Wife.

Robert Hogan Stephenson

NO. 15595 CLASS OF 1946

KILLED MARCH 23, 1950, IN A PLANE CRASH
OVER HYDER, ARIZONA, AGED 27 YEARS.

STEVE was born at Indianapolis, Indiana on the 23rd of January 1923. The Stephenson family moved shortly thereafter to California, which Steve adopted as his native state.

From the beginning Steve was a very colorful character and his life was filled with enjoyment and happiness. His childhood was distinguished for the development of two of his most outstanding characteristics—the organizer and the diplomat. He was always the ring leader, and the perfect diplomat when apprehended for his endless string of childhood pranks.

His first nine years of schooling included attendance at both Hamilton School and Polytechnic Elementary at Pasadena, California. His next move was to Culver Military Academy for three years. His school-

ing at Culver nearly met an untimely end when he was instrumental in dumping Culver's Reveille Cannon into a nearby lake on Hallowe'en Night. But being the suave, personable and smooth-tongued cadet, he convinced the school authorities of his potentialities and was permitted to continue in school and graduate Cum Laude in 1941.

From Culver, Steve enrolled at Stanford University at Palo Alto, California. Here he had the greatest of all times. In fact, so good that the school authorities decided



that he would be better off at home from mid-year on. One can not blame Steve for this situation because he had a lot of living to get fast after his regimentation at Culver.

The next fall, and this brings us to 1942, Steve enrolled at the Virginia Military Institute, where he suffered the usual indoctrination as a "Plebe" for a year. The following spring he won an appointment to West Point and entered the Gray Walls on July 1, 1943. Plebe Year at the Point would have been extremely trying and difficult for the average cadet who had already completed one "Plebe" year at VMI, but Steve took it in his stride and his cheerful disposition and humorous mannerisms made life more pleasant and worth-while for all of us who were fortunate enough to know him.

Academics and athletics came easy for Steve. He was frequently appointed or selected to serve on the numerous cadet committees, such as the Hop Committee and First Class Committee. He became intensely interested in aviation during his Yearling Year and was sent to Primary Flight Training at Uvalde, Texas, in the spring of '45, and to Stewart Field for Basic Flight Training in the summer of '45. He received his silver wings and gold bars on June 4, 1946.

After graduation, he was assigned to Enid, Oklahoma for B-25 Transition Training. He arrived in Enid for flight training after having traversed the United States several times during graduation leave serving as a best man or usher in weddings of his classmates. Steve is well remembered at Enid for his famous car, "Whisky Nose", which was always available for anyone's use, and also for that famed "Stephenson-Donahue Gambling Casino" in the BOQ which lost its assets after a one night stand.

It was at Enid that Steve was thrown into a flat spin by a bridesmaid at a wedding in which he was acting in his usual capacity of usher or best man. When he finally came down out of the clouds a few months later—in the fall of '47—the Bachelors' Association of '46 had lost its most staunch member to Miss Doris Griffin of Chickashaw, Oklahoma. To the happy marriage of Doris

and Steve, was born a daughter, Cynthia—"Cynnle" to her admirers—in March 1949.

From the fall of '46 to the spring of '50 Steve was assigned to the 65th Bombardment Squadron at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Tucson, Arizona. While assigned to the 65th Bombardment Squadron, he participated in numerous noteworthy B-29 and B-50 flights, such as maneuvers in Japan during June 1947, a Good Will Tour of Europe while based in Germany in the fall of 1947, and cold weather operations in Alaska during the winter of 1949. While in Alaska he became a member of the "Order of Polaris", for successful completion of a flight over the North Pole, and also graduated from the Arctic Indoctrination School at Nome.

His service included training in 1948 at the Armed Forces Special Weapons Project at Sandia Base, New Mexico, and at the Anti-Submarine Warfare School conducted by the U.S. Navy at Norfolk, Virginia, and at Key West, Florida.

It was on the morning of the 23rd of March 1950 that death struck suddenly near Phoenix, Arizona, when Steve's B-50 Bomber disintegrated due to fire while on a routine training flight. He was buried with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery on March 31, 1950.

Steve's life was completely full of hard work, play and enthusiastic living. The greatest of all his talents was making those around him happy, erasing their disappointments, and exulting in their successes. This ability to give part of himself to those who needed him made his life, though too short, the height of success itself. The memory of "Fabulous Stephenson" will go on forever!

—C. R. D., a Classmate.

seemed to be spur-of-the-moment decisions and then couldn't rest easy until he'd carried out his plan. He could put life into a sterile situation. But yet, I understand that one of his favorite off-duty pursuits at the Point was to get in plenty of "sack-time".

To many people, his very good humor was undoubtedly his greatest characteristic. His presence almost always put those people in his company in a better mood. And still it wasn't uncommon for a silly trifle to get on his nerves, and he could start some whopping arguments at home.

Some of his friends knew him mainly as a person who was greatly interested in sports, one-time intramural doubles tennis and table-tennis champion at West Point, if I may trust my memory. Facts and figures and names of stars, both major and minor, in the world of sports, were familiar to him, and his accounts of the feats of Army's football team in the Tucker-Blanchard-Davis era would make one think he'd missed his calling as a sports writer. Nonetheless, he had a genuine feeling and love for good music and literature. We frequently used to go into music stores and listen to the latest record-albums of classical music, in order to pass away an hour or so.

Lou was a good soldier. He was proud of the fact that, while at the Point, he was in a company which was considered to be a little tougher on the boys than most other companies. The "Howitzer" of 1948 wrote about him that he was the greatest admirer of the Schlieffen plan since von Schlieffen. He liked to recount the details of campaigns famous in military history. He was disappointed in not being able to go through paratroop training before leaving for occupation duty in Japan. To him, "Duty, Honor, Country" was full of meaning. But to speak of him as having a military bearing I think would be incorrect, and it was with some surprise that we learned that he wanted to go to West Point and follow the military profession.

I'm sure that some of Lou's teachers remember him as the perfect student, but others were often at a loss to know what to do with him. His main academic interest was in the fields of geography and history. One of our favorite boyhood pastimes was to delve through a huge Rand-McNally world atlas, which our father had given Lou for a Christmas present at a very early age, and then try to stump each other with geographical questions. Once in a while I came out on top—usually he did. Of history and geography he gained a truly remarkable knowledge. He was lately looking forward to doing post-graduate study and hoped some day to teach history at West Point.

To our parents, Lou was a more-than-usually considerate son. True, he had a decided aversion to doing duty with a lawnmower and garden hoe—after all, he was human. Fortunately, he had three brothers who usually fulfilled this task. But he did yeoman service at the gasoline station, of which our father was then lessee. In the early days of the war, when labor was becoming scarce, Lou sometimes worked there two shifts a day, from early morning until late at night, to keep the business going. Later, when away from home for long periods, at the Point or in the Army camps after graduation, he was very faithful in his frequent correspondence with home. He often liked to call upon the long-distance telephone, and it was always worth the reversed charges to talk with him for a few minutes.

To me, his brother, Lou was all these things—soldier, scholar, sportsman, friend. I can't say that any one of his good qualities stood out above the rest. All together, they added up to a great character. To me, he was always a challenge, and that he will remain.

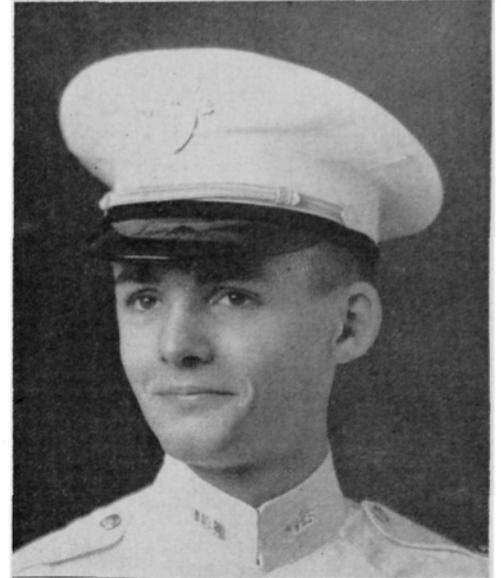
—Ed Anthis.

Raymond Urban Bloom

NO. 16753 CLASS OF 1948

KILLED IN ACTION SEPTEMBER 26, 1950, IN KOREA, AGED 24 YEARS.

OUR son, Raymond U. Bloom, was born October 3, 1925 at Spokane, Washington, where he spent a healthy and normal baby-



hood. At the age of five, he commenced the first grade at the Edison School in Spokane, later transferring to the Audubon School of that city.

In 1935 we moved to Missoula, Montana, where Raymond entered the Central Grade School. Even at this time, though he was small of stature and very young, his love for competition and sports helped him become a member of the Kiwanis softball and basketball teams.

We returned to Spokane in 1938, where Raymond re-entered the Audubon grade school. Again his energetic nature and admiration for all athletics helped him to become a regular member of the school's soccer, football, basketball and baseball teams. His coach often remarked that he had never known anyone to take his training and playing so seriously nor had he known anyone who was so admired for his loyalty, clean playing and living.

In addition to taking part in all sports, he made good grades, was elected to school offices and took part in school programs and plays. While in Audubon, he played the part of Huckleberry Finn in Tom Sawyer with such earnestness and sincerity that many critics felt the part could not be improved upon.

His Junior High School years from 1939 to 1940 were spent at Havermale, where again he participated in all sports, student body offices and school plays, and was associate editor of the Havermale Journal, which took highest honors in the nation for Junior High Schools.

In 1940 Raymond entered North Central High School in Spokane, where he gathered many honors in basketball and track. His 31 points per single game held the record of the city for many years, as well as his 123 points for a ten-game season. In addition to holding student body offices, participating in school plays, serving on the Tam-rack Business staff—the school annual—he received the Special Honor Award when he was graduated in the Spring of 1943.

On October 11, 1941 Ray became an Eagle Scout, having earned 34 Merit Badges—among them being the drama merit badge awarded

Louis Leland Anthis

NO. 16704 CLASS OF 1948

KILLED IN ACTION, AUGUST 23, 1950, IN KOREA, AGED 25 YEARS.

EVEN Lou's closest friends could probably never agree on what his outstanding quality or characteristic was, so actively interested was he in almost every phase of life.



To some, his restless energy would seem the most outstanding. On week-ends from Ft. Benning, Georgia, it was not too far for him to drive to Texas or Oklahoma in order to visit with friends or be with his family for just a few hours. He often made what

for his original one act play, "Tenderfoot". This was the first merit award of its kind ever presented in Spokane. After becoming an Eagle Scout, Ray earned the Eagle Bronze Palm and the Gold Eagle Bronze Palm awards.

Immediately upon graduation, he entered Gonzaga University, which he attended until called as an Air Corps cadet on December 26, 1943. While stationed at Gardner Field, California, in June 1944, he was notified of his appointment to West Point.

While attending West Point, he was player-coach of his company D-2 intramural lacrosse team. Some time later, while stationed at Camp Haugen, Japan, he was again a player-coach. This time he was with the 32nd Infantry Regiment basketball team, known as the "Big Green". His team won the 7th Division Championship.

His greatest outdoor recreations, and those dearest to his heart, were hunting and fishing. Throughout the states of Washington, Montana and Idaho, he covered field and stream in quest of these sports.

Ray was deeply religious and was a member of the Emmanuel Presbyterian Church of Spokane. He felt a compulsion toward God that was ever apparent in his daily activities.

While his friends and classmates have written many tributes in his behalf, we like to think of the honor paid him by a former school teacher and friend who said, "Raymond was the finest, cleanest, most honest and God-like boy I have ever known. He was a friend to all and, in return, loved by all. His courageousness, spirit of fair play and decency should live in the heart of every American boy"

—His Parents.

Roger Lee Fife

NO. 17336 CLASS OF 1949

KILLED IN ACTION, SEPTEMBER 22, 1950, IN KOREA, AGED 22 YEARS.

ROGER LEE FIFE was born December 5, 1927 at Blackwell, Oklahoma. He was the son of Major and Mrs. Max M. Fife, now of Muskogee, Oklahoma. Roger received his early education in the Blackwell Public Schools, then attended the Oklahoma Military Academy for Senior High School and Junior College, where he graduated in May 1945, just prior to his entry as a cadet at the United States Military Academy in July 1945.

The *Howitzer* of 1949 very appropriately characterizes Roger—

"Shedding Oklahoma's dust but retaining its good humor, Roger entered West Point with sincerity and a smile. Finding that horses make better friends than text books, he acquired fame on the Polo Field and two stars on the B-robe, but Roger wasn't one to let his troubles get him down. Here's to you Rog—may there be an abundant supply of hoss-flesh and friends, for you do right by both"

Following graduation from West Point in June 1949, Roger wheeled his new Chevrolet through a short summer vacation, then reported to Ft. Riley, Kansas for the Ground General School, thence to Ft. Benning, Georgia, where continuing training in his chosen branch, the Infantry, he made a splendid record and qualified as Expert or Sharpshooter on all weapons used in the Infantry Officers Basic Course.

Roger's orders, upon leaving Ft. Benning, specified Japan via Seattle, Washington. Upon arrival in Yokohama on August 13, 1950, Rog requested assignment to a combat unit and was immediately placed on the roll of Company "A", 8th Regiment of the 1st

Cavalry Division, which was already in action in Korea. He moved his platoon into the battle line on the night of August 21, 1950 and, until his untimely death, participated in all of the heavy fighting in the Taegu sector of the fighting front.

Our most vivid account of Roger's keen sense of responsibility and devotion to duty, comes from one of his West Point classmates, Lt. Lucien E. "Lou" Messinger, III, Class of 1949, who was also a platoon leader in Company "A" and was in the immediate area when Roger answered the final call on September 22, 1950. In writing to Roger's grief-stricken parents, Lou said in part:

"Our Company 'A' was attacking Hill 624 in the vicinity of Tabu-dong. It was the second attempt which we had made to take this hill. Only a week before, our Battalion had been entirely cut off and we had spent three days without food. During the course of the attack, Roger's platoon almost reached the summit of Hill 624. Roger was in front of his platoon and as he turned to shout orders to his men, he was hit by enemy rifle fire and killed instantly. Here in Korea, Roger and I became very close and his death was a terrible blow to all of us. His men admired, respected and loved him. We have lost a fine friend and a great and



fearless leader. Lt. S. M. 'Snuffy' Smith, Jr., Class of 1949, who had been stationed at Roger's Command Post as a forward observer for 'A' Battery of the 99th Field Artillery Battalion, was also in the vicinity at the time of Roger's death"

In his 22 short years, Roger lived a full, clean, Christian life. He made a host of friends, as evidenced by the hundreds of expressions of sympathy which have been received by his parents from all parts of the nation. Roger truly exemplified a theory of life so ably expressed in the following words:

"I shall pass through this World but once. Any good, therefore, that I can do, or any kindness that I can show—let me do it now. Let me not defer it, or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again."

—His Father.

Thomas Gray Hardaway

NO. 17067 CLASS OF 1949

KILLED IN ACTION, SEPTEMBER 8, 1950, IN KOREA, AGED 23 YEARS.

EIGHT months ago, as Tom and I were wearily but happily gathering up the gloves and bats after our last baseball game at

Fort Benning, I never dreamed that in a few months Tom would be dead, and that I would be attempting to put some thoughts into writing which would do him justice in death. Eight months ago things like playing baseball seemed so important to both of us. The words "war" and "Korea" were mere nouns, their meanings remote. Now they are words which have a meaning many of us shall never forget.

As anyone who has been close to war knows, one of the most painful scars known to warfare results from the loss of close friends. For this reason, all of Tom's classmates who knew him, and all of those from contemporary classes who knew him, bear the deep hurt of Tom's passing. To know Tom was to be friends with him. To know him was to admire him, to respect him and to love him.

Tom Hardaway was born on November 22, 1926 at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. His mother writes that from the time he was ten years old he wanted to go to West Point. If he ever had a knack for treading upon people's toes, particularly toes of relatively senior officers, he exhausted that trait before his entrance to the Military Academy. Thereby hangs a tale. Tom's father, Brig. General Robert M. Hardaway, USA (Retired) was in the Medical Corps, and was stationed at Fitzsimons General Hospital, Denver, Colorado for six years, until Tom was twelve years old. The commanding officer of the post was a good friend of the Hardaways, and Tom was involved in many little incidents with him which the CO loves to tell about to this day. Tom's mother relates:

"One Hallowe'en, when Tom was about ten years old, he and a group of friends were going around the post in the early evening. A number of officers and their wives were attending a dinner party, and the boys came upon the parked cars. They were soaping the car windows and Tom came to the C.O.'s car and put some marks on its windows. The next day the C.O. said to Tom, 'Did you soap my car windows?' Tom said 'Yes, sir.' Then the C.O. asked him why he had done it, and Tom replied, 'Well, I knew I would get the credit for doing it, so I thought I might as well get some fun out of it.'"

We who knew Tom realized that he was one of those people who never did anything that was really bad. His character was beyond reproach, which is something that all of us who were associated with him at West Point were very much aware of. The pattern of his character was established early in life, as the following excerpt from his mother's recent letter shows:

"One of Tom's finer traits was that he was always taking up the part of someone less fortunate than he was. He hated to see anyone's feelings hurt. When he was in about the third grade at Park Hill School, he would often talk of a particular boy who was in his room. He mentioned him so often that I finally asked who the boy was, and how did they happen to be such good friends. Tom replied that he was a little negro boy, and the only negro in Park Hill School, and that many of the children would not have anything to do with him, so he thought he would take him for a friend.

"This same trait also showed on a trip we were making from New York to Panama, when Tom was about thirteen. We stopped at Port au Prince, Haiti, for a day. As we left the dock and walked up the street to the city, we were immediately followed by quite a few little black boys wanting to be our guides and begging for money. Of course we didn't need all those guides, but they continued to follow. Tom had about four dollars in his wallet and intended to buy a souvenir of some kind in Haiti. But the boys kept following and Tom would give first one a dime and then another. Finally, as we were walking up the

gang plank to get on the boat, Tom gave a little boy his last nickel and said, 'I've given away all my money, but gosh, they needed it worse than I did.'

Tom was a born leader. At Box Elder High School, Brigham City, Utah, he was outstanding in athletics; he habitually held important class offices; and, in addition, graduated as Valedictorian of his class. He was idolized by the whole town of Brigham City, where his father commanded Bushnell General Hospital at the time. Before entering the Academy Tom attended the University of Utah for one year, and was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity.

His fine qualities of character and leadership labeled Tom as one of the most outstanding members of our Class. I realized what sort of a guy he was when we were both members of Coach Palone's Plebe baseball squad. One of the things that impressed me most was his constant cheerfulness. At that time, to be constantly cheerful as a dumbsmack was a good trick. Tom also played on the Plebe football team, was on the boxing team in his Yearling year, and was a member of the varsity baseball squad for two years.

The highlight of Tom's Yearling summer at Camp Buckner was the weekend he met

to Terry nearly every one of the thirty days he spent fighting in Korea, regardless of the hardships which surrounded him.

Tom landed in Korea on August 8th, 1950. He was assigned to I Company, 21st Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division, and reported to his first company commander for his first actual troop duty when the company, depleted to sixty-eight men, was dug in on a 4500-5000 yard front. Even under such conditions, Tom retained his characteristic optimism and ever present cheerfulness. In the words of his company commander, Captain Floyd Gibson, of Stamford, Conn., "Tom had the best platoon in the company because he made it so. Every move he made or action he took, Tom had to go all the way or not at all".

The best way to relate the story of the action in which Tom was killed is to quote his citation for the Silver Star:

"Second Lieutenant Thomas G. Hardaway, 059232, Infantry, United States Army, a member of Company I, 21st Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division, is awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action against the enemy near Kyong-ju, Korea, on September 8, 1950. During an attack by a group of heavily armed enemy troops that had infiltrated into the company rear area, Lieutenant Hardaway immediately led a squad of his men to face the enemy in an attempt to stop their advance by his concentrated fire power. After deploying his men to insure the maximum effect from their fire, he attacked ahead of his men with grenades. Through his repeated grenade attacks many of the enemy were killed, and his squad successfully repulsed the hostile attack. During this gallant action, Lieutenant Hardaway was killed. His gallantry and unhesitant devotion to duty reflect the greatest credit upon himself and the United States Infantry. "

Quotations from several of the letters Terry received from men who fought beside Tom in I Company show how the same warm feeling, admiration and respect Tom commanded at West Point were evident in combat. Captain Gibson wrote further, ". . . Tom was such an outstanding officer, and I was so very fond of him. A commander, even a small minor one as myself, is not supposed to have favorites, but unfortunately the military books by which our lives are governed failed to consider personalities and the heart".

Harry Maihafer, one of our classmates, was another platoon leader in I Company. Some quotations from the letter he wrote Terry shortly after Tom's death are appropriate: ". . . I have some small knowledge of how great your loss really is, and I too share that feeling of loss with you, as do the men who served in Tom's platoon. . . There have been many tributes paid to Tom. Perhaps the finest was by his platoon sergeant, a hardened veteran of many campaigns, who told me that he had actually grown to love Tom, and that he was the 'best damned officer' he'd ever seen".

All of us who knew Tom share with General and Mrs. Hardaway, with Tom's brother, Lt. Col. Robert M. Hardaway, Jr., and especially with Terry, the indescribable grief which they have experienced. If we as a clan could say anything to them that would help, we could not express our feelings any better than Harry Maihafer did at the close of his letter to Terry. "Please have courage now, as Tom would want you to have, and try to let your grief heal quickly. Don't ever forget that Tom led a wonderful life, one of which you can always be proud. He died a hero, and died after having lived a life which had a meaning. Very few of us will ever have that said of us. . . "

Perhaps it is most fitting to close this memorial article with a thought which Tom's mother wrote: "We know that this world is

a little better because he lived in it, and Heaven shines a little brighter because he is there"

—T. W. S., Jr.

John Arras Jenkins

NO. 17022 CLASS OF 1949

KILLED JULY 7, 1950, IN A PLANE CRASH NEAR NELLIS AIR FORCE BASE, LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, AGED 26 YEARS.

As a backward plebe in January 1946, I was moved to a new room to be readjusted. One of my readjusters was John Jenkins, and on this auspicious note began a close friendship that lasted through four years as roommates, and in the Air Force until John's death. John presented a striking appearance, with his dark, wavy hair, ruddy complexion and dark dancing eyes; but for all the mildness in his expression he proved to be a perfectionist in all things.

John came to the Academy with a background of two and a half years as an aeronautical engineer at the University of Pittsburgh, plus attendance at the University of



Terry—Eleanor Katharine Selsam—of State College, Pa. Terry became Eleanor Selsam Hardaway three years later.

It was no surprise to anybody at West Point that Tom became company commander of Co. B-1 in his First Class year. His outstanding capabilities as a leader impressed all the officers and cadets who came in contact with him at the Academy, even as they were to impress those who knew him in combat later on—only, not much later on. Tom graduated in about the middle of the class, and chose the Infantry as his branch.

On June 17, 1949, Tom married Terry at State College, Pa. He was the kind of fellow who struck you as always being lucky, and deserving of the good luck he had. This certainly held true as far as his lovely wife was concerned, because in Terry he found a person entirely worthy of himself. It is a joy to observe a couple as completely and perfectly suited to each other as Tom and Terry were. As an extraordinarily happily married couple, they personified all that is best in marriage. They loved each other with an adoration which is present only in perfect marriages. The happy months they spent together while Tom was stationed at Fort Riley and Fort Benning will always be a treasured memory for Terry. Tom was a devoted, considerate, loyal husband. These characteristics of his were always apparent—but never as obvious as when Tom wrote



Alabama and Lafayette College while in the Army. Combining this background with a brilliant mind, John spent little time on books. While the rest of us ploughed through texts, John got better results by scanning. Most of John's mind and time were elsewhere, and at once I was introduced to model planes and his saxophone. Many will remember with anguish the buzzing, biting noise of the engines running up in our room and shattering the quiet. South Area had little sympathy and many complaints.

The noise of John's saxophone was another matter—all clamored for it when he played in the dance band. Even in the room, there were few times when we banished John. I can vividly remember puffed out rosy cheeks, a glow of impish satisfaction, and the soulful strains of "Come Back to Sorrento" or "Body and Soul". With music and planes, John was completely at ease. The many playful "crimes", which were committed in fun but never paid for, are better left out of print. Not to be forgotten though are the huge packages from home which brightened our days. That was my original introduction to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Jenkins, John's wonderful parents, who endowed John with the fine qualities we all respected so much.

John was actually two separate personalities. On the surface he was possessed of a

roguish dash and charm that none will forget, yet he never fell into the obvious pitfall of becoming shallow. He lived within himself, and few got to know the depths of warm sincerity beneath the glittering surface which apparently lived only for the moment. The command of self and situation and the air of smooth urban composure were a shell used to shield his thoughtfulness, love and real emotions. He looked beyond the present, and thought above himself. He was in actuality what we should have been and talked of being; but, for reasons he alone knew, he chose to hide this major part of himself from view. But it was there in his actions, if not his words.

If a man's worth can be measured by the impression he leaves behind, John was surpassed by none. John will always be close to all of us, and all thoughts of him bring forth a smile or laugh, for such was his effect on all. There was so much in John that spoke of promise and future fulfillment, that it becomes that much more difficult to understand why his life was cut short. The reason lies with God. We can do no more than be extremely thankful for the joy of knowing him as long as we did. I never got closer to anyone in my life, and now I understand the full import of the old Air Force saying, "Too Good to Live"

—His Roommate,

Raymond J. Klemmer, 2nd Lt., USAF.

Munro Magruder

NO. 17106 CLASS OF 1949

KILLED IN ACTION, SEPTEMBER 3, 1950, NEAR TAEGU, KOREA. AGED 23 YEARS.

ON the third of September the career of one of the most promising young graduates of the Class of 1949 was cut short near Taegu, Korea. Second Lieutenant Munro Magruder, then leader of the 1st Platoon, Co. F, 8th Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, was killed in action during the last withdrawal of U.S. troops in the Pusan perimeter. Though there can be no greater glory for the soldier than to give his life on the field of battle, Munro's death will ever be a shocking reminder to all who knew and loved him of the terrible price paid by this country in Korea.

Munro, son of Brigadier General and Mrs. John Magruder, was born in Peiping, China, on July 6, 1927. During his childhood he lived with his parents in Washington, at Fort Sill and the Virginia Military Institute, and in Switzerland, where his father was Military Attache. Returning to Washington a second time, Munro entered St. Albans School.

At St. Albans Munro was a leader in all phases of school life. He earned varsity letters in football and basketball, and in his senior year was chosen captain of the baseball team. He was named recipient of the Thomas Hyde Medal honoring the best all-around boy in his class.

Upon graduation, cum laude, from St. Albans in 1944, Munro entered the Navy and served at Jacksonville, Florida, and Norman, Oklahoma. He was discharged from the Navy to enter West Point on July 2, 1945.

His record at West Point was marked by constant, above-average performance in many fields, and a tenacity of purpose in looking after the welfare of his company and the people around him. He was a member of the varsity baseball squad and spent much of his time as an organizer and participant in the Co. B-1 athletic program. As a cadet lieutenant in his first class year he was second in command of his company. In this capacity he displayed the leadership ability which was always so apparent to his friends.

On June 3, 1949 he was commissioned Second Lieutenant of Infantry and was sent to the Ground General School at Fort Riley, Kansas. In January he went to Fort Benning, Georgia, to take the basic course at the Infantry School and on completion of this course he took airborne training to qualify as a paratrooper.

It was at Fort Benning that he met Miss Nina Garner, sister-in-law of one of Munro's close friends, Lieutenant Sinclair Melner. He married Nina on July 29, 1950 and two weeks later he left for duty with the FEC.

After a quiet trip from Ft. Lawton, Washington, to Camp Drake near Tokyo, Munro was sent immediately to Korea as a platoon leader with the 8th Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, then along the Nakdong River near Taegu. Several days later his regiment moved into positions in the mountains north of Taegu. The North Koreans launched a general attack along the line on September 2. The next day, September 3, while controlling his platoon in defense of the high ground in his area, Munro was killed by enemy automatic weapons fire. Although he was with Co. F for only a short time, he dis-



played to a marked degree the fine qualities of leadership which his friends knew he possessed, as evidenced by the loyalty of his platoon.

One of Munro's classmates very aptly expressed the feeling that Munro's friends had for him when he said: "When I have a son, I would like him to be like Munro" He was genuine and sincere, his manners and behavior at all times were above reproach, and he lived the standards and ideals to which so many of us aspire. Even though he possessed these traits, he was ever one of the gang, and looked upon as a companion and leader in all activities in which he participated. He was indeed a gallant gentleman, beloved by all.

It is appropriate to quote here from an article honoring Munro by Dr. Alfred R. True, headmaster of the Lower School at St. Albans:

"His courtesy, warm friendliness and unassailable personal integrity made St. Albans a better school the minute he entered. His high standards were communicated without effort on his part, to all who shared a minute, an hour, or a school year with him. The gentleness of his strength and the strength of his gentleness left a lasting impression on St. Albans. He elevated the quality of each individual fortunate enough to become his friend, and he raised to sounder, more wholesome levels the morale of every group he joined. Each person partook something of Munro's fineness and became a better person for having done so. Because

this is true, Munro can never be lost to St. Albans. The fine values of life which he represented and which he fostered by example, rather than by precept, are permanently bound up in the best traditions of the School"

Munro is survived by his parents, Brigadier General and Mrs. John Magruder, and his brother, Malcolm, of 1061 Thomas Jefferson St., Washington, D. C.; his sister, Mrs. Robert O'Brien, who is with her husband in Rumania; and his widow, Mrs. Nina Garner Magruder, of 505 University Ave., Reno, Nevada. His classmates have lost a close friend, the Army a fine officer, and West Point a son who lived up to her highest traditions.

—D. E. B. and R. F. D.

George William Tow

NO. 17313 CLASS OF 1949

KILLED IN ACTION SEPTEMBER 17, 1950, IN KOREA, AGED 23 YEARS.

It was in Korea—"A" Company, 5th Cavalry of the 1st Cavalry Division was in the attack, trying to take its objective—a commanding hill on one of the key approaches to Taegu. The hill had changed hands daily for over 10 days. George's platoon was assigned a support mission in the attack. As the leading platoons of "A" Company jumped off they received heavy small arms fire from the objective and the attack bogged down. George saw that he could help if he could get his machine gun and some riflemen on a lower side hill. He worked his way on reconnaissance to the flanking hill 300 yards to the right front of his platoon and signaled his gun team and riflemen forward. Going back part way to meet them and to lead and direct them personally into position he was hit by a sniper's bullet and instantly killed. His men moved to the selected position later, covered the assault platoons, and the hill was secured. This was George's shining hour, his supreme contribution toward the opening of the path to Taegu.

The preceding account was furnished by Beecher Brian, a nigh life-long friend of George's from boyhood days in the Philippines, on through Sully's, the Academy, Riley, Benning, on the plane to the Far East, and finally ending with George's death in Korea with A.B. in the Battalion next to his. A. B. (Beecher) met George's company while on patrol somewhere in Korea and got the full account from its members. He said that all of the men in "A" Company with whom he talked spoke most highly of George.

George was born at Fort Totten, New York, on January 26, 1927, the son of Colonel William M. Tow and Marion Lyons Tow. His education was as diversified as his father's assignments. He was schooled in Pennsylvania, the Philippines, Missouri, California and New York, and was graduated from the Alcee Fortier High School in New Orleans, Louisiana, in 1944. George was an honor student in high school and extended his extra-curricular activities to the Boy Scouts, the school band, and the dramatic society. During the winter of 1944-45 he studied for his entrance examinations for West Point at Sullivan Preparatory School in Washington, D. C. His appointment to enter the Academy in July 1945 came from the Second Congressional District of Montana, the early home of Colonel Tow, his father. George's mind was keen but it was forever being sharpened so as not to beget just a "good student". The Choir, Hundredth Night Shows, and Intramural teams—all benefitted from George's interest and industry. His personality drew a host of

friends. His goal was his commission in 1949.

After graduation from the Military Academy George's professional training was continued at the Ground General School, Fort Riley, and at The Infantry School, Fort Benning, with the result that by June 1950, when he left Fort Benning for Japan, any commander would have been glad to have him in his outfit and any soldier proud to have him as his leader. All of us who knew George's charm and personality were proud to have him as a friend. He impressed us all with his unstinting selflessness and idealism. He was truly a young man and officer of great promise. Reports tell us that during his all too short career as a leader he was beloved by his men. We are proud of George Tow in death, but we wish that this classmate and friend might have come through the current conflict to have enjoyed a normal career in his profession. We are confident that our associations and friendships would have become richer through the years. George had much to give the Army, but it was his lot to give his all as a platoon leader on a hill near Taegu, leaving to others

his men well. We all join Colonel and Mrs. Tow and George's brothers—Jim (Class of 1952) and Raymond—in their sorrow. It should be a source of consolation to his parents and brothers and to us his friends that George William Tow, Second Lieutenant, Infantry, Class of '49, died in the best traditions of West Point, and that in his sacrifice he has honored his Alma Mater, the Army and his Country, his Family and his Friends.

—Arthur R. Driscoll, Jr.,
1st Lt. Inf., Class of '49.

—J. Hayes Metzger,
1st Lt. Inf., Class of '49.

Lynn Holt Camp

NO. 17700 CLASS OF 1950

DIED JULY 25, 1950, AT TUCSON, ARIZONA,
AGED 21 YEARS.

It was a bright sunny morning late in July in the little cowtown of Willcox, Arizona, but everywhere there was sadness and gloom in the air. Today one of Willcox's heroes was to be buried. Lieutenant Lynn Holt Camp had come home to be laid to rest. The largest crowd ever assembled at Lynn's home Methodist church was there to tell him goodbye. There were the Arizona West Point graduates, Lt. Frank Borman, Lt. Ross Mayfield, Lt. Jack Magee, Lt. Al Crawford, Lt. Geo. Cannon, Lt. Joe Love, and Lt. John Hurst, to be his active pallbearers. Davis Monthan Air Base had sent its representatives to be the Guard of Honor. There in the family pew sat his parents, Lynn and Edith Camp, and his two sisters, Helen and Janet—whose grief everyone in the state of Arizona shared and hoped that their thoughts and prayers would comfort the Camps in their trying hour.

Many people throughout the state were horrified when they read their papers on July fifth to see that Lt. Lynn Camp and his fiancée, Miss Diane Holley, had plunged off the bridge at the ill-famed Cienga Wash in southern Arizona. Lynn and Diane had left for Tucson early that July morning, to make plans for their pending wedding. There was a slight drizzle of rain and as the car came around the curve it slid over the edge of the bridge and plunged down the canyon for a distance of 200 feet. Rushed to Tucson, Diane and Lynn fought for their lives. They were both given a very slim chance to survive. For twenty days Lynn carried the fight but the Lord called him on July 25th. Diane is presently at the Kessler Institute in West Orange, New Jersey, where she is improving until she can come back to Arizona to make her home.

Lynn was born March 27, 1929 in Superior, Arizona. His early grammar school days were spent in various schools throughout Arizona until his folks made their home in Willcox. Already noted for a very keen mind, Lynn, upon entering high school, began to devote much of his time to music. Blessed with a very fine voice, he was very much in demand for singing engagements in the church and school. Also, at an early age, he chose the trumpet as his musical instrument. He became known as one of the finest trumpeters in the state, appearing in music concerts and festivals. "The Teen-Agers", a high school swing band, was formed and directed by Lynn, and supplied dance music for Willcox and the surrounding communities during the war.

Athletics were not slighted by Lynn because of his musical career. In his freshman year he was the first string center on the football team, a position he held until he graduated. Also, he was a three year letterman in basketball, track, and tennis,

and a one year letterman in baseball. He holds the distinction of being one of the three men in Willcox's history to win five letters in one year.

His scholarship was unexcelled in high school, and he finished the work in three years instead of four. He led the class throughout those three years and on graduation night, Lynn gave the valedictory address for the class of 1946.

All kids have dreams as to what they want to be when they grow up, but Lynn had only one goal in mind—to attend West Point. He was young when he graduated from high school, being only seventeen years old. He applied for his appointment, took the examinations and was relegated to the position of alternate. The chance came sooner than he expected because the boy ahead of him failed his physical examination, and in July 1946, Lynn was West Point bound.

The surroundings were new for the Arizona boy, but with determination and this inward motto, "To try to surpass one's self should be an occupation as long as life it-



more fortunate than he the responsibilities of senior leadership. It is for us to carry on where he left off.

A high sense of responsibility and a keen appreciation of duty were characteristics of George Tow. It was not unlike him therefore to write from the hospital in Pusan where he was recovering from wounds from mortar fragments received on August 27, "I have had a good rest and naturally am not anxious to go back but pangs of conscience won't let me 'goldbrick' any more. I know what my men are going through up at the front. The Doc is a good Joe and he more or less lets one decide when he is ready to go back. It's only three hours to Taegu where my Division's replacement company is. I will check out tonight and will probably be there tomorrow morning". At Fort Benning, just after the Korean outbreak and when George knew he was headed that way he said, "I'm not worried about myself, my concern is that I lead my men properly. I do not want to let the men down who will be in my platoon".

Further, in his final letter from the Pusan hospital, George wrote, "Fate and God have been good to me so far but how long will my good fortune last? I could have been killed the other night but was hit only slightly in the shoulder and back. I wonder about the next time?" The "Next Time" was a loss to us all. We lost a friend, and the Service lost a young officer whose future surely seemed to be bright.

George rests in peace, we know, for he had Faith, accomplished his mission and led

self", he assumed the task of becoming an Army officer.

First came his nickname, "Bongo", and then his interest in the very fine West Point musical organizations. He sang all four years with the Glee Club and Chapel Choir. In his last two years he was choral director of the "100th Night Show". He also served as Secretary-Treasurer of the Dialectic Society.

Lynn didn't lose his desire for sports activity at the Academy. There, with the many fine facilities available he became adept in many skills that he had not had the chance to develop while in Willcox. He played on the B squad team in football for two years. His valuable experience in tennis added much to Company D-1's championship team.

In June 1950, Second Lieutenant Lynn H. Camp had reached his first goal—graduation from West Point. Next came his orders to report to the Air Force at Randolph Field, Texas, for flight training. Another ambition had been fulfilled. Then came the trip to Arizona for a vacation before reporting for duty.

Last on the calendar of Lynn's life was the fateful accident while he was home before going to Texas. Looking back over Lynn's past life we will always be able to say he fought the good fight—his family, his community, his state, and his country gained much by his devotion and his loyalty to them.

Marrin "Swede" Johnson.

