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# Report of the President

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# Association of Graduates, 1950 - 1951

### Members of the Association:

What we have done during the past year and in fact during every year, should be in accord with our Constitution and, therefore, for your information, I shall start my annual report by a statement of the objects of our Association as given in its Charter and Constitution:

"To acquire and disseminate information on the history, activities, objectives and Methods of the United States Military Academy, to acquire and preserve historical materials relating to that institution; and to encourage and foster the study of military science there by worthy young men"

Every year, throughout the world, groups of West Pointers have meetings from time to time which are in some way connected with their Alma Mater. Class luncheon meetings are held in Washington, at West Point and many other places. Meetings of our twenty West Point Societies are held in cities throughout the country. In March of each year the meetings are held for the purpose of celebrating the founding of the Academy. The Annual Meeting of the Association of Graduates has been held at West Point on Alumni Day for many years. It is also a tradition for West Pointers to have class reunions every five years here at West Point. This year every five year class is represented beginning with the Class of 1946, which is having its fifth anniversary, and ending with the Class of 1881, which is having its 70th anniversary.

The force that draws us together for these meetings is what we call the Spirit of West Point—born and reared in beast barracks, on the athletic fields, in the labs and section rooms, on the drill and field maneuver grounds, on trips and furloughs and by association with each other in the Armed Forces and in civilian life. One of the principal parts of the mission of the Association of Graduates is to keep this spirit alive; to keep the flame of enthusiasm alive and burning in the breast of every graduate. We do this by keeping our graduates informed about West Point. I would not be nearly as proud of West Point as I am now if West Point today were the same as it was when I graduated in 1904.

There are certain things about West Point that never change. The Hudson River, the hills, the Honor System, the small group method of teaching, the principle involving the preparation of lessons and participation in recitations, and the indestructible tradition spelled out in our motto, Duty, Honor, Country. But certain things do change, such as the scope and content of the various courses, the training of the instructor force, the equipment of our laboratories and many other things. Great changes have occurred since the date of my graduation and to have the pride that I should have in this great institution, I must know what these changes are. Young men would not care to come to West Point today if West Point were the same today as it was fifty years ago. Therefore, it is essential to inform our graduates of the progress that West Point has made over the years and it is hoped that through them the young men of the country and their fathers and mothers will have a true picture of West Point as it is today. Only with this knowledge before them can we expect the

leaders among our young men to seek appointments as cadets.

The principal means of informing our members is through *Assembly*, the *Register of Graduates and Former Cadets*, the distribution of various pamphlets published at West Point and by a vast correspondence. A powerful aid to us in this work is the Superintendent's Information Committee, which consists of himself as Chairman, all of the second professors and a number of the senior staff officers. I am a guest member of this Committee. The National Public Relations Committee of the West Point Societies, while only in its infancy, is beginning to render splendid service in this direction. I might say right here that there is no way that the Association of Graduates can carry out its mission of informing the graduates unless our members cooperate with us. The minimum requirement in this respect is to become members of the Association of Graduates and subscribe for *Assembly* and the *Register of Graduates*.

Out of our more than 12,000 living graduates, there are still approximately 1,000 who are not members of the Association. Also many ex-cadets are eligible for Associate Membership. Approximately 5,000 graduates are not subscribers to *Assembly* and the *Register*. This is something for us all to work on. But I am glad to report that more than 93% of the Class of 1951 have joined the Association of Graduates, the largest percentage in a number of years.

Our Association acquires a sprinkling of new members throughout the year and I believe if every class and every West Point Society would bring this matter to the attention of non-members, we would soon have nearly 100% of our graduates as members and many more ex-cadets as associate members. Lists of non-members of our Association in each class and in the area of each West Point Society, will be furnished by our Headquarters here at West Point on request by those interested.

During our Centennial Celebration in 1902, the ground work was laid for one of the greatest periods of progress in the history of the Academy, and it would seem that our Sesquicentennial in 1952 offers a similar opportunity. I am sure all of our members want the Association of Graduates to render every possible assistance to West Point to make this occasion a great success. Some of the specific contributions being made by our Association are as follows:

1. I have been Chairman of the Steering Group of the Sesquicentennial for the past four years.

2. Financing of the writing and publication of our Sesquicentennial book, *Men of West Point*. The object of this book is to bring out the value of West Point to the Nation in its first 150 years by portraying against the backdrop of history, the distinguished service rendered by its many outstanding graduates during this time. This book has been written by Colonel R. Ernest Dupuy and the entire manuscript is now in the hands of the publisher. It will be off the press and ready for distribution by December 1, 1951. This is a unique book and one that every West Pointer should have.

3. Special features are being arranged for Alumni Day next year.

It takes money to run our Association. Annually for the past three years our Fund Raising Committee has informed you of our needs. During this period of three years our total assets have increased by almost \$100,000. We need \$300,000 more to bring our Endowment Fund up to half a million, which is the goal we have set. A part of this is already covered in life insurance and bequests in wills. Good progress has been made considering that only 11% of our membership have made any contributions during these three years.

There never was a time in the history of our country when the dissemination of information about the principles and methods taught at West Point was more important than it is today. Quibbling and evasion have pushed integrity into the background. Duty is too often shirked for failure to have adopted proper standards to live by. As West Pointers and friends of West Point, let's dedicate ourselves to carrying on this crusade of spreading the gospel expressed in our motto—Duty, Honor, Country.

I would be remiss if I did not emphasize again the importance of every West Pointer being a subscriber for *Assembly* and the *Register of Graduates and Former Cadets*. The extent to which our members read these publications, or have them available for reference, largely determines the extent to which we can carry out our mission.

Our *Register of Graduates*, published annually, carries the name of every cadet from the beginning of the Academy; a brief biographical sketch of every graduate; important statistics about our various wars, especially those statistics pertaining to graduates; the addresses of practically all graduates, retired or in civil life; and the assignments of many officers on active duty.

Our *Assembly*, published quarterly, carries current news about West Point which includes speeches by distinguished persons, Academic Department histories, athletic plans and schedules, and much other material of this nature; also voluminous class notes and memorial articles about our deceased graduates.

Danford, '04, and Branham, '22, the Editors of the *Register* and *Assembly*, are doing their utmost to make these publications so interesting and valuable that every graduate will want to be a subscriber. What West Point has done in the past, is doing now, and hopes to do in the future—and much other information that cannot be obtained from any other source—are all contained in these two publications. More than half of our members are subscribers, but we hope many more will join us each year.

Again this year our Association invited all West Point Societies to send delegates, as its guests, to a dinner-meeting which was held at the West Point Army Mess on the evening of June 2, 1951. Nine West Point Societies were represented and there were approximately thirty delegates at the meeting. The object of the meeting was to discuss the public relations projects which were adopted a year ago, and which had served as guides during the past year, and to revise these projects for use until our next meeting in June 1952. This objective

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# Address by the Superintendent, U.S.M.A.

MAJOR GENERAL FREDERICK A. IRVING, U.S.A.

To the Annual Meeting of the Association of Graduates, U.S.M.A., in  
Washington Hall at West Point on June 4, 1951

First, I wish to extend to all of you a cordial welcome on behalf of the Staff and Faculty. We are honored by having you attend June Week Exercises. It is always a great pleasure to have you here.

Those of us who are stationed here at West Point are apt to assume that the Old Grads who come up during June Week are abreast of the changes which take place from time to time. I was, therefore, somewhat startled when I overheard the question asked, "Is Benny Havens Tavern open?" Taking a quick look, I saw that the person involved appeared earthly enough, and I realized that he was referring to the new room in the West Point Army Mess.

The incident, however, alerted me to the fact that some Old Grads do need a little briefing now and then.

It is a little difficult to decide what to cover in this talk, since some of you have been here often and recently, while for others this is a first visit in many years. However, I imagine that most of you will be interested in the physical setup and the changes contemplated in the building program. Also, you will probably like to hear about the instruction, both academic and military, and some of you who had a sad experience in connection with last year's Navy Game may still be interested in athletics. Also, I am sure that you will appreciate an appraisal of our present-day product, especially in the light of our Korean experiences.

## BUILDING PLANS

As you may know, in 1942 the Corps of Cadets was expanded from 1,960 to 2,496. At that time our plant was *almost* adequate for the smaller number. I say "almost" because even for that strength, the facilities for field training, cadet social life, and the entertainment of visitors were short of minimum standards.

Since 1942, little has been accomplished to rectify deficiencies then existing, and very little to accommodate the expanded Corps.

On the credit side, we must list the construction of Camp Buckner, on Lake Popolopen, which provided the means to simplify and improve to an enormous extent our summer training programs for the First and Third Classes. We must mention also the expansion of the Cadet Dining Hall, which has satisfactorily relieved over-crowded conditions. We must include the expansion of the Gymnasium and its renovation; the addition to the Thayer Hotel; and the construction of 94 sets of quarters in this list of achievements.

Of course, we are grateful for this progress, but we are mindful that it is minor compared with the overall needs. Referring to these briefly, they are, in the order of our present priority schedule:

(a) *Extension of the Cadet Library:* The present structure was erected in 1841 to serve 250 cadets. The Corps now numbers about 2,500. A certain amount of improvement and expansion has been accomplished in recent years, but it is entirely inadequate to take care of the present cadet activities. The expansion now planned is based upon technical advice, and is designed to bring the facility to a standard considered acceptable in undergraduate institutions of West Point's size.

(b) *Erection of a new Laundry:* The present plant was designed and equipped to take care of 1/3 of the present post population. It is now operating on a production standard which is completely inadequate, and is incapable of suitable renovation or expansion. It is planned to build a new plant in the North Area, not far from the Silver Depository.

(c) *The conversion of the Riding Hall* to a building of many uses, principally that of a new academic building. This structure is the keystone to our problems. It now stands—an enormous cavern—filled with nostalgic memories, useful in its present form only for things not appropriate to the location. Our plans for this structure make it the home of eight of the Academic Departments, the Printing Plant, the Museum, Indoor Rifle Range, 163 section rooms, lecture halls, and writ rooms. The estimated cost of the building we want is 16½ million dollars. This is a lot of money, but the new building would be worth the cost, as it would solve the major problems of the educational plant for the foreseeable future.

(d) *New Cadet Barracks,* consisting of 25 divisions, providing housing for 800 cadets. This will permit the Corps to live two men per room once more, something that has not been possible for the past 12 years. Plans have been drawn for its location somewhere in the vicinity of Professors' Row.

(e) *Memorial Hall and Auditorium:* This is badly needed to serve as a social center and for future memorialization. Culm Hall has been outgrown. There is no room for future plaques or paintings, and no adequate theatre exists on the post. The location selected for this building is the former site of the Old Hotel, northeast of Battle Monument. This is probably the choicest spot on the post, and the building must be worthy of it.

There are other things on the program. I have mentioned only the most pressing. It appears rather unlikely at the present time that we will obtain the appropriations for these buildings in the near future. We find ourselves in a peculiar situation. Although large sums of money are being spent on the military program, the criterion seems to be, "Will it contribute to the solution of the present emergency?" Most agencies do not seem to think that we come within that pro-

vision. However, we know that if and when this present emergency is ended, a period of retrenchment will inevitably follow, when no funds will be forthcoming.

There is one other building plan which is not connected with government appropriation, but which I think is worth mentioning, and that is the proposed enlargement of Michie Stadium from 27,000 capacity to 40,000. By doing this, it is felt that more of the large games can be accommodated here at West Point under pleasanter conditions and with substantial savings.

The money, based on present costs, has been set aside by the AAA, but actual construction will have to await the availability of materials upon the termination of the present emergency. Meanwhile, a study is being made of the parking and traffic facilities to determine whether or not the project is feasible. Parking space for 3,500 more cars is required. Mr. Robert Moses, Commissioner of Parks in New York, is advising us upon the parking and traffic problems.

## ACADEMIC INSTRUCTION

Many of you, upon graduation, no doubt vowed that never again would you be interested in academic studies. I hope that time has mellowed you, and healed some of the wounds incurred in your bouts with P. Echols, Prof. Jones, and other members of that fiendish clan. Perhaps you visualize the academic course as remaining static. Nothing could be further from the truth. A Curriculum Committee keeps close watch on developments in science and education, and promptly makes recommendations with reference to the content and scope of our academic subjects. We are very proud of the record our Corps makes on the Graduate Record Examinations, with which many of you may be familiar through articles in *Assembly*. The records show that we are well up in the calibre of our instruction in comparison with the leading universities. I was a member of the Military Panel of the Service Academy Board a couple of years ago when I heard a professor of a leading university state that in his opinion, the methods of instruction at the Military Academy were twenty years ahead of the average civilian college.

## MILITARY INSTRUCTION

No doubt much of the conversation of Old Grads as they reminisce about old times centers about military instruction. I think you will agree that military science has become increasingly complex. In the early days of the Academy, the technique of the various branches was so simple that sufficient time was available to cover each branch satisfactorily during the cadet's course. Nowadays, additional instruction in technique is advisable before going into combat. Our

mission is not to turn out Second Lieutenants thoroughly proficient in all the techniques of their branch, but rather to inculcate those qualities and the motivation essential to functioning in an outstanding manner in high command.

This year's class will receive a 12-weeks basic associate course at their branch school before joining troops. Since some may go into combat very soon, this is very desirable, especially in the case of the more technical branches.

Much of the interest of the Old Grads in the training of the cadet has to do with those intangibles which make the Academy product different from other schools, and upon which the greatness of the Corps is based—those qualities of honor, discipline, sense of duty, loyalty, patriotism, fortitude, and initiative.

Realizing that West Point's greatness depends upon these qualities, the Old Grad is concerned that there be no let-up in the standards. I remember at one of my first reunion dinners the speaker was sure that the place had gone where most Old Grads think it starts to go five minutes after they graduate, because cadets no longer found it necessary to go out into the area immediately after reveille on cold winter mornings and break the ice and pump the water. However, I think that we have made progress in many other directions. You are all familiar, of course, with the Honor Committee, but since the time of most of you, the cadets have started a Duty Committee, which is functioning just as satisfactorily as the Honor Committee, and I think, is filling a long-felt need. All reports from Korea show that our young graduates can take the hardships and have displayed the qualities which we deem essential in an Army officer.

### THREE YEAR COURSE

You have no doubt seen and heard considerable discussion concerning shortening college courses to 3 years, and, of course, we invariably receive pressure along these lines when an emergency impends.

In considering this problem from our view point, it must be realized that this emergency in which we are involved at the present time may last for years, and, furthermore, we have no free time in which to compress our course. In going to a three year course, the colleges simply make use of the vacation periods and teach about the same content as before. Since our summers are largely taken up with practical military instruction, any shortening of our course must result in the elimination of some academic and military instruction. In analyzing the benefits of curtailing the course, we are convinced that it is not worthwhile.

For instance, if we assume an emergency lasting four or five years—during that time, only one extra class of, say, 500 would be graduated. That is a mere drop in the bucket, considering the 800,000 officers in the Army during World War II. To offset this small gain, the entire product of this four or five year period will be impaired.

We must realize that West Point prepares for the long pull, and not the immediate emergency. Our policy, therefore, is to avert or postpone, for as long as possible, any shortening of our course. In an all-out mobilization an uncomprehending public opinion may force us into it, however.

### ATHLETICS

In times of emergency, we hear a lot about curtailing athletics throughout the country. During World War I, intercollegiate athletics were eliminated at West Point. During

World War II, we continued a full program. The latter plan, I believe, is the sound one.

Athletics are not simply a means of recreation here at West Point, but are an important training element. This includes both the varsity and the intramural programs. Athletics develop those qualities desirable in a military leader. They also provide recreation, physical conditioning, and instruction. Varsity athletics, in addition, foster prestige, esprit and morale. We feel that we should in no way curtail our athletic programs during an emergency.

You are probably particularly interested in prospects of our varsity athletics for the future. Unfortunately, there appears to be some tough going ahead, especially against the Navy. Very few athletic prospects qualified during the March examinations. We will, therefore, have a lean athletic crop in the new class. It looks as though we would be outmanned in the next few years. However, we know that we have the best coaching staff, and we will get the most out of our material. In addition to that, we intend to make up in fight and spirit what we may lack in manpower.

For the coming football season, I think our prospects are fairly good, and the team should compare with last year's team. We have some promising backs, but lack sufficient good line men. There will be a terrific struggle with Navy.

### ARMY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

From what I hear from time to time, I believe that the average graduate is ignorant of the functions of the AAA, and that its activities are misunderstood by many. I suspect that the misunderstanding is in direct proportion to the distance of your tickets from the 50-yard line for the major games. I would, therefore, like to outline briefly some of the activities of the AAA, and some of the benefits which the Academy and the Army as a whole derive from this organization.

First of all, the AAA runs all intercollegiate athletics, with the benefits which I have indicated before during this talk, with reference to morale, esprit, and prestige. Of course, actually, Football supplies the necessary finances to back all intercollegiate athletics. This is not because football is a better game than many of the others, but simply because that is the sport that the public pays to see. I am sure that very few of you are aware of the permanent installations which the AAA has constructed not only for the use of intercollegiate athletics, but also for the enjoyment of the garrison as a whole.

First, the AAA constructed Michie Stadium, which has been used for over 25 years. Howze Field, nearby, was also constructed by the AAA—this was used for many years for polo, but since the demise of polo as a sport, it plays a large part in the intramural program and for military instruction and other activities.

The Skating Rink—one of the best in the country—is used not only for hockey and indoor tennis, but also as the main place of recreation during the winter months for cadets and Post personnel.

The Field House, in which we hold our Graduation Exercises, was largely financed by the AAA.

All tennis courts on the Post, as well as the Golf Course, were constructed and are maintained by the AAA. The Gymnasium was added to a few years ago, making additional swimming pools, squash courts, etc., available.

The North Athletic Field, specifically for track and baseball, and other baseball and track facilities were financed by that organization.

Delafield, which is a bathing center, and used extensively by cadets and personnel of the Post during the summer months, is a product of the AAA activities.

The AAA also makes substantial contributions to various worthwhile organizations. For the past few years, our own West Point Alumni Foundation has been a recipient of generous amounts.

### SESQUICENTENNIAL

From January to June 1952, we are observing the 150th Anniversary of the founding of West Point. The Steering Group, of which General Fenton is the Chairman, has spent a great amount of time and effort making plans for the observance.

Colonel Crist, who is head of the Sesquicentennial Committee, has also done outstanding work in this connection. The trend of affairs has been taken into consideration in making the preparations for this event. The activities scheduled, although modest in nature, are being conducted in a manner to reflect credit on the Military Academy and its graduates. In keeping with the trend away from elaborate pageantry, a number of Academic Conferences have been scheduled. All of us here believe that these conferences will make a worthwhile contribution to the welfare of the Nation, in keeping with the theme of the observance, "Furthering Our National Security". The observance will extend through June Week. Although the customary activities will be scheduled for Alumni at that time, I should like to extend to each and every one of you a most cordial invitation to return at any time during the Sesquicentennial to participate in any of the activities.

### PUBLICITY

Time and time again, we are surprised by the lack of knowledge of the public of what West Point really does. It is well illustrated by the story of an incident which occurred at the time General Benedict was Superintendent.

It is told that a neighbor of the Benedicts in their home town in Nebraska remembered that, "That Benedict boy turned out pretty well after all. I hear that he's teaching school back East somewhere at a place called West Point"

In recent years, many educators have examined the educational system here and are amazed. They state that they had no idea that West Point was such a fine educational institution. They are uniformly emphatic that we should acquaint the people of the country with what West Point really is and does. They are quite familiar with our excellence in military instruction and in athletics. Those phases of our activities take care of themselves, more or less. But the other phases of West Point instruction, that is, character building and academic instruction, are little known. Of course, they do not lend themselves easily to publicity. However, we are going to make a great effort to educate the public on those phases, well knowing that it will be a long, hard pull. Eventually, however, we hope that the long range results will be effective.

General Moore was quite publicity minded, having come to West Point from the position of Army Chief of Information, and he organized a Public Information Committee which meets frequently to make plans and survey progress. Our efforts in this line work through several channels.

(a) *Association of Graduates:*

The Association of Graduates is an organization of very great value to the Academy and its Alumni. Through the facilities and records which it maintains here at West Point, our Alumni and, through them, large segments of the general public, are kept informed about the Military Academy and the valuable service its graduates have continuously rendered to the Nation since 1802.

The Association aids our various autonomous local West Point Societies throughout the Nation by providing them with authentic information about West Point—and thus fosters increased interest in the Academy in the communities in which these valuable local organizations are situated.

(b) *Debating Council:*

In recent years, cadets have organized a Debating Council, and at the present time it has some 480 members. Most of these members simply indulge in intramural debates. But throughout the past year, there have been some 60 debating trips where cadet teams of 2 or 3 have gone all over the country and have competed with teams from other colleges and universities. They have ranged as far west as California and as far south as Texas and Oklahoma. The contacts which these cadets have made have been very beneficial. We have received enthusiastic letters indicating how well the cadets have performed and what fine information they have disseminated concerning the Military Academy.

In addition to these trips, the Debating Council sponsors the West Point National Invitational Debate Tournament annually. Approximately 40 college debating teams and their coaches come to West Point from all parts of the country as a result of sectional elimination tournaments. Thus, these teams represent the best intercollegiate debaters in the country, and our tournament has become accepted as the unofficial National Intercollegiate Debate Tournament. The visitors are always very much impressed, not only by the efficiency with which our cadets manage this tournament, but also with the

knowledge of the Military Academy which they gain. The Military Academy derives a great deal of benefit from this activity.

(d) *SCUSA:*

An allied, or a similar activity, is the Student Conference on U. S. Affairs, which takes place at West Point in December. These have been held for the past two or three years. In addition to students and faculty members, other outstanding figures in national and international affairs come to West Point to observe and listen to the discussions. As in the case of the Debate Tournaments, the education which these people receive on the calibre of instruction at the Military Academy is very high.

(e) *Coaches Conference:*

For the past three years, we have cooperated with the Adjutant General's Department by operating the Army Coaches Conference at West Point. This is a group of officers and enlisted men who are connected with sports throughout the Army and the Air Force, world-wide, who come here to hold a clinic for about a week during May. During these clinics, the Military Academy extends the use of facilities of the Post and, in addition, most of the instruction is performed by varsity coaches of West Point teams. All of this is coordinated and directed by Colonel Blaik and Colonel Krueger. Here, again, we hear enthusiastic reports about the impressions which these representatives from all units throughout the world carry away with them. Very few of them are graduates of West Point. Very few have ever seen the Academy. Their comments upon the excellence of the instruction and treatment which they have received and upon the cadet activities is very gratifying. I feel that this program will result in a very favorable disposition of all sports personnel throughout the Army towards the Academy, and, in addition, we feel that we are contributing materially to the efficiency of the sports program in both the Army and the Air Force.

In addition to the above, we have miscellaneous means by which to acquaint out-

standing people with what the Military Academy does.

Each time we have a visiting athletic team, we invite the college or university to send professors or representatives of their college to inspect our academic facilities.

The Board of Visitors, which comes here annually, brings a small number of outstanding university presidents, leaders in business, and Congressmen.

At appropriate times throughout the year, we open our Laboratories and Academic Departments for inspection. One of these times is during the Christmas Holidays, when a large number of the families of the Fourth Class are present. Our experience heretofore has been that this group is very appreciative of the opportunity to inspect these facilities and are very much impressed by the calibre of our physical plant.

Incidentally, our Laboratories and Academic Departments will be open this afternoon, and I very much hope that all of you can get around to see some of them.

## EVALUATION OF THE PRODUCT

I imagine that most of you will be particularly interested in a few words concerning our present day product. Of course, we realize that, in your minds, this present day product couldn't possibly be as good as the members of your class.

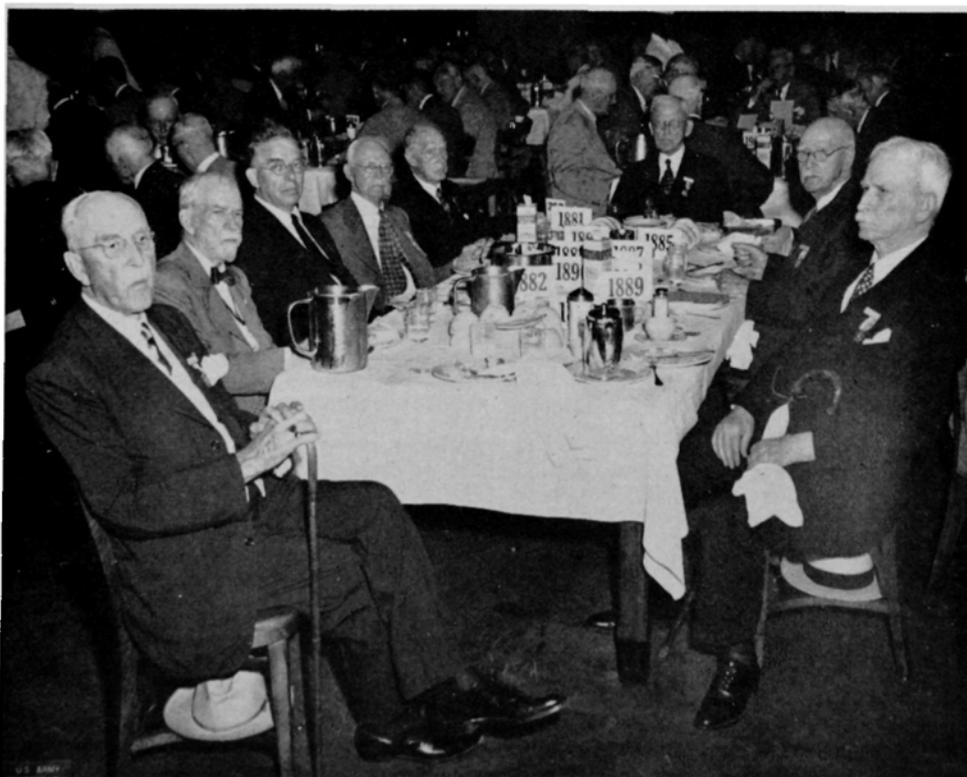
Still, perhaps you will concede that they do approach that infinite standard, a limit, to use a mathematical term. Of course, we have no basis for judging the young graduate in carrying out our primary mission—that is in positions of high responsibility throughout a lifetime career. However, we have ample evidence of that in the performance of our graduates in World War II. My remarks will apply particularly to the young graduates of the past 5 or 6 years, in their roles as junior officers.

Of course, we hear mostly about those graduates who were well known before. A correspondent, in covering combat areas, will search out particular names which are well known on account of their news value. And, accordingly, we hear of Galiffa as commanding the grenade throwing platoon in the whole Army; and we hear of Lieut. Murphy, who was the First Captain last year—how he has risen rapidly to a position of comparative responsibility; and we hear of Lieut John Trent, Football Captain of the Class of 1950, who was killed in Korea, and was voted the Football "Man Of The Year" by the sports writers.

However, our reports from the combat area indicate that all of the graduates are doing uniformly well, and that we can all be proud that they are members of the Long Gray Line.

In conclusion, I should like to say that we would welcome suggestions for improvement from all of you. However, we request that you come through channels with your suggestions, and not carry them out directly. In that connection, I should like to cite a little example. (I have told it before, so I hope that you will forgive me if I repeat it.) During June Week, about 12 years ago, just as the sun was coming up over the East Academic Building, and the Hellcats were sounding the last notes of reveille, there appeared in Central Area, an Old Grad, still dressed in evening clothes. I think he was the last survivor of a 25th Reunion party. He announced that he had come to take command of the Corps, and straighten it out!

We do invite suggestions, but if there is any straightening out to be done, we would like to be the ones to do it.



The senior table at the Annual Luncheon and Meeting of the Association of Graduates in Washington Hall on June 4, 1951.

# Report of the 82nd Annual Meeting

OF THE

## Association of Graduates, U. S. M. A.

Held in Washington Hall, West Point, N. Y., June 4, 1951

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:05 P.M. by the President, Chauncey L. Fenton, '04.

2. The President thanked the Superintendent for permitting the Association to use Washington Hall for its Annual Luncheon and Meeting. He also expressed his thanks to the Commandant of Cadets, to the Treasurer, U.S.M.A., to the Signal Officer, and to all those who participated in making the luncheon meeting a great success. He extended his appreciation to the Corps of Cadets for their splendid spirit of cooperation in making facilities available for our attending alumni.

3. The reading of the report of the last meeting was dispensed with since it was published in the July 1950 issue of *Assembly*.

4. The reading of the Treasurer's report was omitted since it appears elsewhere in this issue of *Assembly*.

5. The President informed the meeting that he would omit the reading of his complete report since it is published in this issue of *Assembly* and he then proceeded to speak only of its salient features.

6. The President:

a. Informed the meeting that pursuant to the instructions of the Board of Trustees, telegrams of greeting were being sent to our oldest living graduate, General Wilber E. Wilder, '77; to Generals of the Army MacArthur, Eisenhower and Bradley, and to Generals March, Collins and Ridgway.

b. Informed the meeting of General Wilder's inability to be present.

c. Read a Concurrent Resolution, passed by the Legislature of the State of Michigan, honoring two of our alumni, Brigadier General Wilber E. Wilder, Class of '77, and Colonel John Millis, Class of '81, for their distinguished services as native sons of the State of Michigan. General Fenton presented Colonel Millis with a copy of this resolution.

d. Presented to the meeting the oldest living graduate present, Colonel John Millis, and also Major General H. C. Hodges, both of the Class of 1881, who were attending their 70th Class Reunion.

e. Presented to the meeting individually the four-star and three-star generals present, namely, General Jonathan M. Wainwright, '06; Lt. General William N. Haskell, '01; Lt. General Ying H. Wen, '09; Lt. General William H. H. Morris, Jr., '11 and Lt. General Wilhelm D. Styer, '16.

7. General Fenton at this time departed from the usual routine to give recognition to the members of the Academic Board for the progress that West Point has made and for the position it holds in the educational

and military world today. He introduced Brigadier General Harris Jones, April, '17, Dean of the Academic Board, as representing this group of officers.

8. To speak for the distinguished alumni present, General Fenton introduced General Vandenberg and asked him to speak on any subject he wished.

9. General Vandenberg gave a very interesting talk in which he paid tribute to the tradition of the Military Academy as it is typified by the examples of many graduates who have gone before. He remarked that an Academy graduate might very often be wrong, but said there is one thing that can be relied upon, i.e., the fact that whatever the graduate says is certainly his honest opinion and belief. This quality, he felt, could never be bought nor could it be obtained in any other institution, in the mass production that is had at the Military Academy. General Vandenberg quoted a phrase, "stubborn devotion to duty", which he said he thought was one of the basic concepts taught at the Military Academy. However, he preferred to offer a slightly different approach and emphasized the middle word, Honor, of the motto "Duty, Honor, Country", as the basis for the success of the "Long Gray Line". He emphasized that the Air Force is seeking people who will give a spirit and tradition to the Air Force typical of that of the Military Academy, and who will dedicate their lives to this spirit and tradition.

10. Upon the invitation of the President, the Superintendent, Major General Frederick A. Irving, Class of April, '17, gave the meeting a survey of the current situation at the Academy and its immediate needs of expansion (the Superintendent's remarks are published elsewhere in this issue of *Assembly*).

11. The President requested Major General Robert M. Danford, '04, Trustee of the Association and Chairman of the Nominating Committee to preside during the nomination and election of officers and trustees of the Association due for election.

12. General Danford then went to the rostrum and spoke as follows:

"Gentlemen, General Fenton surprised me. I did not know that I was going to function here right now, but I'd like to say, that I am going to surprise him.

"I happen to be Chairman of the Nominating Committee which consists of Colonel Wagner, '07, Colonel Beukema, '15, and Colonel Kyle, '22, and we proposed the slate which was unanimously accepted by the Board of Trustees this morning and will now be presented. A few introductory remarks please. I would like to call to your minds the fact that the Association of Graduates was organized as the brain child of George W. Cullum. In 1870 he personally named Sylvanus Thayer, the man for whom

he had such a great reverence, as its honorary president and he so remained, I think, during the remainder of his life. However, it was George W. Cullum who took charge of everything; who handled the Association. In fact he managed it and did its work for over twenty years, until his death in 1891. We don't have very many Thayers or Cullums but we have one at the present time, I think. The man that we are nominating again for the presidency of the Association is a man who has been an instructor, a member of the Academic Board and Professor for the past twenty-five years of his life. No man loves the Academy more than he. He is retired and is living in Cornwall, which is virtually on the post, where he comes to the Office of the Secretary of the Association of Graduates every day and spends long hours of his time there and has performed the greatly increasing work of the Association. Gentlemen we are terribly fortunate, I think, to have Chauncey Fenton here and available for our presidency. Consequently, he has been named again as our President"

General Danford then presented the following lists of nominations proposed by the Board of Trustees at its meeting on June 4, 1951:

For President:  
Chauncey L. Fenton, '04

For Vice Presidents:  
Lucius R. Holbrook, '96  
Beverly F. Browne, '01  
Frank P. Lahm, '01  
Charles G. Mettler, '06  
Jonathan M. Wainwright, '06

For Trustees to Serve Until July 1, 1954:

Alexander R. Piper, '89  
Thomas B. Doe, '05  
Francis B. Wilby, '05  
James L. Walsh, '09  
Hubert G. Stanton, '11  
Oscar J. Gatchell, '12  
R. Parker Kuhn, '16  
John L. Grant, June, '18  
Boyd W. Bartlett, '19  
George B. Finnegan, '24

13. The meeting unanimously approved the nominations and elected the officers and trustees as proposed by the Board of Trustees.

14. In his acceptance of re-election, General Fenton expressed his deep appreciation for this honor and said he felt sure that he could rely upon the help and cooperation of everyone.

15. After pronouncement of the benediction by the Reverend Frank E. Pulley, Chaplain, U.S.M.A., the meeting approved its own adjournment at 2:15 P.M.

John A. McComsey, '24,  
Secretary

# REPORT OF THE TREASURER

## ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATES, U.S.M.A.

APRIL 30, 1951

- EXHIBIT A—Balance Sheet as of April 30, 1951.  
 EXHIBIT B—Changes in General Fund during the year ending April 30, 1951.  
 EXHIBIT C—Changes in Endowment Fund during the year ending April 30, 1951.  
 EXHIBIT D—Changes in Cullum Fund during the year ending April 30, 1951.  
 SCHEDULE I—Investments as of April 30, 1951 and income received thereon during the year ending April 30, 1951.

### EXHIBIT A BALANCE SHEET, APRIL 30, 1951

ASSETS	
SECURITIES: (See Schedule I)	
Irving Trust Company.....	\$157,405.17
CASH IN BANKS:	
Irving Trust Company (Checking Account).....	\$ 24,654.27
First National Bank in Highland Falls (Checking Account).....	21,853.18
First National Bank in Highland Falls (Savings Account).....	12,505.82
Newburgh Savings Bank.....	8,018.66
	<u>\$ 67,031.93</u>
FURNITURE AND FIXTURES.....	\$ 4,422.96
	<u>\$228,860.06</u>
Total .....	<u>\$228,860.06</u>
LIABILITIES	
GENERAL FUND:	
Balance 1 May 1950.....	\$ 26,392.99
Add: Increase during year (See Exhibit B).....	15,080.76
	<u>\$ 41,473.75</u>
ENDOWMENT FUND:	
Balance 1 May 1950.....	\$157,529.70
Add: Increase during year (see Exhibit C).....	14,909.99
	<u>\$172,439.69</u>
CULLUM FUND:	
Balance 1 May 1950.....	\$ 9,581.02
Add: Increase during year (See Exhibit D).....	117.41
	<u>\$ 9,698.43</u>
UNPAID TAXES WITHHELD FROM EMPLOYEES' SALARIES.....	\$ 181.14
DEFERRED INCOME (WEST POINT PLATES).....	\$ 16.59
CONTRIBUTIONS IN EXCESS OF COST OF MEMORIAL PLAQUES .....	\$ 627.50
FURNITURE AND FIXTURES.....	\$ 4,422.96
	<u>\$228,860.06</u>
Total .....	<u>\$228,860.06</u>

### CHANGES IN THE GENERAL FUND DURING THE YEAR ENDED APRIL 30, 1951

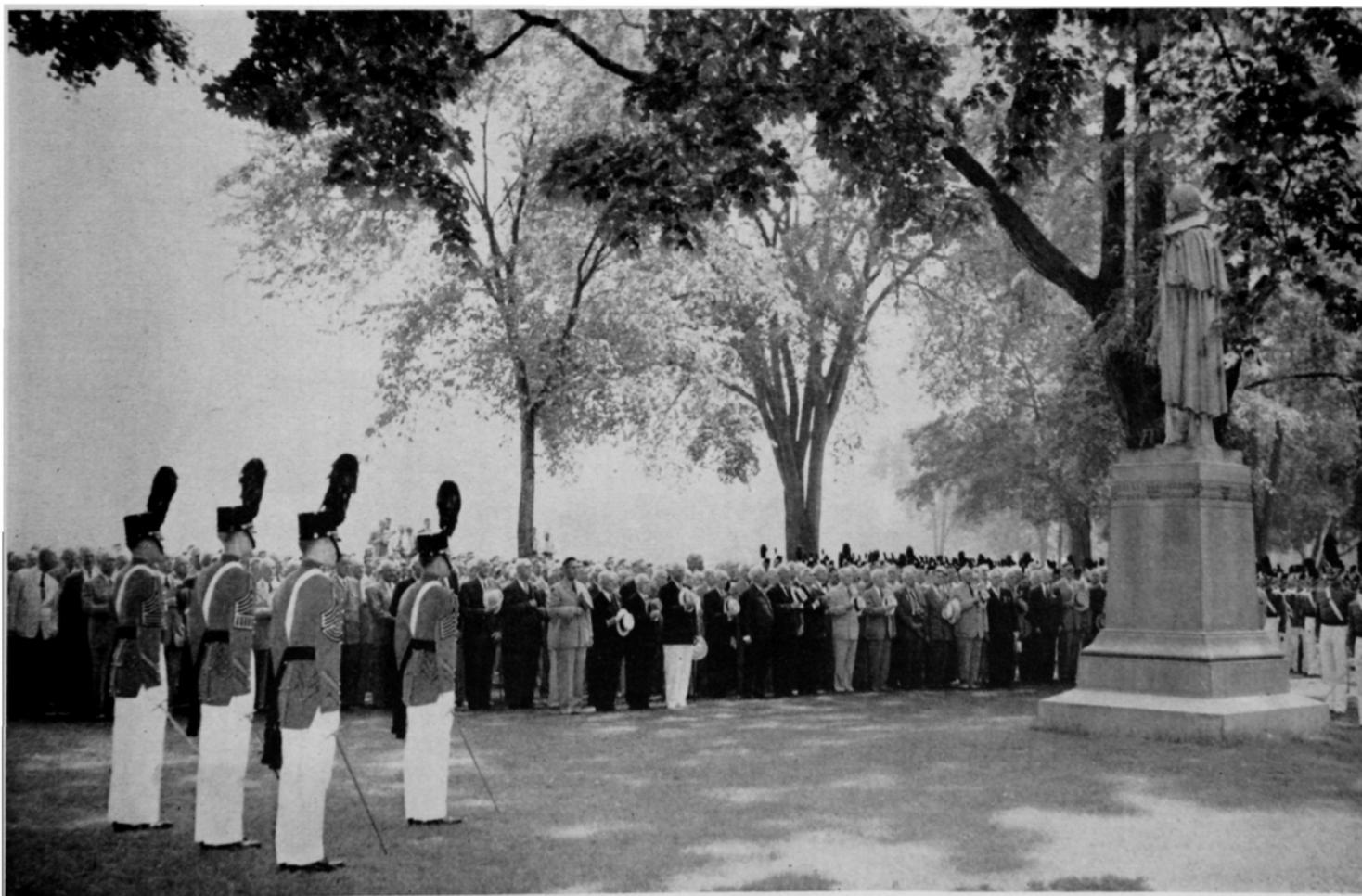
EXHIBIT B INCOME	
Payments on Life and Annual Memberships.....	\$ 11,079.00
Annual Dues.....	275.00
Gain on West Point Plates.....	1,871.30
Interest on Bank Deposits.....	342.41
Cash Contributions.....	11,452.88
Transfer from Endowment Fund.....	5,788.27
Sale of Badges.....	725.75
Gain on Activities of Alumni Reception Committee .....	1.51
Miscellaneous (Including Sale of Rosettes).....	15.35
	<u>\$ 31,551.47</u>
EXPENDITURES	
Salaries.....	\$ 9,217.78
Printing.....	486.44
Freight, Express and Postage.....	822.16
Telephone and Telegraph.....	345.35
Lapel Buttons—Rosettes.....	1,612.60
Cadet Awards.....	225.00
Advertising—HOWITZER.....	275.00
Payment to Author of MEN OF WEST POINT.....	1,000.00
Supplies.....	552.61
Miscellaneous.....	689.77
Purchase of Office Equipment.....	964.00
Janitor Service.....	280.00
	<u>\$ 16,470.71</u>
Net Change (Increase) .....	<u>\$ 15,080.76</u>

**EXHIBIT C** **CHANGES IN THE ENDOWMENT FUND**  
**DURING THE YEAR ENDED APRIL 30, 1951**

<b>PRINCIPAL</b>	
Contributions .....	\$ 10,658.43
Gain on Sales of Securities .....	5,478.75
	\$ 16,137.18
Less: Transfer Expenses .....	440.31
	Total .....
	\$ 15,696.87
<b>INCOME</b>	
Interest and Dividends from Securities .....	\$ 5,136.39
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	
Safekeeping of Securities .....	135.00
	\$ 5,001.39
Total Additions .....	\$ 20,698.26
Transfer to General Fund .....	5,788.27
	Net Change (Increase) .....
	\$ 14,909.99

**EXHIBIT D** **CHANGES IN CULLUM FUND**  
**DURING YEAR ENDED APRIL 30, 1951**

<b>INCOME</b>	
Interest on Savings Account .....	\$ 1.16
Interest from Securities .....	118.75
	\$ 119.91
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	
Safekeeping of Securities .....	\$ 2.50
	Net Change (Increase) .....
	\$ 117.41



THE CEREMONY AT THAYER MONUMENT ON JUNE 4, 1951

SCHEDULE I. INVESTMENTS, APRIL 30, 1951 AND INCOME RECEIVED THEREON DURING THE YEAR ENDED APRIL 30, 1951

Date Acquired	NAME OF SECURITY	Face Value or Shares	Book Value at April 30, 1950	Purchases or Gifts	Redemption Sales and Amortization	Gain (Loss) on Sales of Securities	Brokers' Fees and Transfer Expenses	Face Value or Shares April 30, 1951	Book Value at Cost or Gift Basis April 30, 1951	Approximate Market Valuation April 30, 1951	Dividends and Interest Received
June 4, 1931	One unit 92-21 Union Hall St., Inc., 5 1/2% debent, due 3/27/40	10,000.00	\$ 1.00					100	\$ 9,501.00	\$ 9,386.00	\$ 118.75
Feb. 3, 1940	and 92-21 Union Hall St., Inc., capital stock NP	100	9,500.00	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 9,500.00			9,500.00	\$ 9,501.00	\$ 9,386.00	\$ 118.75
May 8, 1950	U. S. Savings Bonds, Series D, due 2/1/50										
May 8, 1950	U. S. Savings Bonds, Series G, due 5/1/62										
	Total Cullum Fund			\$ 9,500.00	\$ 9,500.00				\$ 9,501.00	\$ 9,386.00	\$ 118.75

NOTE: Bequest of \$10,000 to the Association of Graduates by General George W. Cullum, under the stipulation that after investment the income is to be used for current expenses of the Association but only as long as the principal remains undiminished. If a loss in the amount of the principal occurs, income is to revert to principal until the bequeathed amount is again attained.

ENDOWMENT FUND

May 21, 1929	N. Y. Title & Mortgage Co. Mortgage Series F-1 Ctr. 5 1/2% due 7/1/39	2,275.00	\$ 2,275.00		\$ 1,333.33			941.67	941.67	687.42	59.62
Aug. 1, 1933	First National Bank in Highland Falls, N. Y., common PV \$7.50	5	62.50					5	62.50	75.00	3.00
July 2, 1936	Sears, Roebuck & Co. capital stock NP	20	375.00		375.00						10.00
July 30, 1940	Kansas Power & Lt. Co. 4 1/2% cum. pfd. stock PV \$100.00	50	5,050.00					50	5,050.00	5,350.00	225.00
May 31, 1941	U. S. A. Defense Savings Series G, 12 yr. Cur. Inc. 2 1/2% due 5/1/53	6,000.00	4,000.00					6,000.00	6,000.00	5,856.00	150.00
June 26, 1941	U. S. A. Defense Savings Series G, 12 yr. Cur. Inc. 2 1/2% due 6/1/53	4,000.00	4,000.00					4,000.00	4,000.00	3,904.00	100.00
Jan. 27, 1942	U. S. A. Defense Savings Series F, 12 yr. Cur. Inc. 2 1/2% due 1/1/54	1,000.00	1,000.00					1,000.00	1,000.00	973.00	25.00
Aug. 15, 1942	U. S. A. Defense Savings Series F, due 7/1/54	100.00	100.00					100.00	100.00	88.70	237.52
May 18, 1944	Oklahoma Natural Gas Co. 4 3/4% cum. pfd. stk. Series A, PV \$50	100	5,000.00					100	5,000.00	5,250.00	30.00
Oct. 22, 1945	Sears, Roebuck & Co., Capital Stock N.P.	60	1,125.00		1,125.00		25.26		100.00	78.60	
Aug. 30, 1946	U. S. Savings Bonds Series F, 12 yr. Cur. Inc. due 8/1/58	100.00	100.00					100.00	100.00	31,284.00	825.00
June 30, 1947	U. S. Savings Bonds Series G, 12 yr. current income 2 1/2% due 6/1/59 Reg.	33,000.00	33,000.00					100.00	100.00	76.70	
Aug. 8, 1947	U. S. Savings Bonds Series F, due 8/1/59	106.00	100.00					100.00	100.00	12,363.00	325.00
Apr. 7, 1948	U. S. Savings Bonds Series G, 12 yr. current income 2 1/2% due 4/1/60 Reg.	13,000.00	13,000.00					3,000.00	3,000.00	2,907.00	75.00
July 19, 1949	U. S. Savings Bonds Series G, 12 yr. current income 2 1/2% due 7/1/61 Reg.	3,000.00	3,000.00								150.00
July 19, 1949	Sears Roebuck & Co. Capital Stock N. P.	300	11,700.00		11,700.00		126.31				
Oct. 17, 1949	Sears Roebuck & Co. Capital Stock N. P.	100	4,100.00		4,100.00		42.10				
Oct. 17, 1949	McGraw Elec. Co. Com. Stock Par \$1	100	3,900.00		3,900.00		36.30				
Dec. 28, 1949	Sears Roebuck & Co. Capital Stock N.P.	50	2,050.00		2,050.00		21.05				
Jan. 10, 1950	U. S. Treas. Bonds 2 1/2% due 12/15/72-67	25,000.00	25,000.00					25,000.00	25,000.00	24,343.75	625.00
Mar. 30, 1950	Sears Roebuck & Co. Capital Stock N.P.	300	13,050.00					300	13,050.00	16,912.50	825.00
Mar. 30, 1950	No. Am. Car Corp. Com. Stock Par \$20	100	2,662.50		2,662.50						50.00
Mar. 30, 1950	Int. Minerals Chemical Corp. Com Stock Par \$5	100	3,300.00								150.00
Mar. 30, 1950	Globe-Union Inc. Capital Stock Par \$5	200	3,150.00								25.00
Mar. 30, 1950	McGraw Elec. Co. Com Stock Par \$1	100	4,987.50								625.00
Mar. 30, 1950	Seeger Refrig. Co. Com. Stock Par \$5	200	3,300.00								825.00
Aug. 18, 1950	No. Am. Car Corp. Com. Stock Temp.	200		2,662.50							50.00
Dec. 29, 1950	Int. Minerals Chemical Corp. Com. Stock Par \$5.00	40		3,300.00							150.00
Jan. 30, 1951	Merck & Co. Com. Stock	40		2,425.00							25.00
Mar. 30, 1951	Globe Union Inc. Capital Stock Par \$5.00	40		1,000.00							825.00
Mar. 30, 1951	U. S. Savings Bond Series G Current Income 2 1/2% due 5/1/62	100.00		100.00				100.00	100.00	1,180.00	50.00
Apr. 26, 1951	Eastman Kodak Co. Com. Stock	100		4,362.50				100	4,362.50	4,362.50	200.00
Apr. 26, 1951	Texas Co. Capital Stock	100		9,712.50				100	9,712.50	9,712.50	350.00
Apr. 26, 1951	Phillips Petroleum Co. Capital Stock	100		8,300.00				100	8,300.00	8,300.00	245.00
	Total Endowment Fund		\$ 151,387.50	\$ 31,862.50	\$ 35,345.83	\$ 5,478.75	\$ 440.31		\$ 147,904.17	\$ 153,300.97	\$ 5,136.39
	Total		\$ 160,888.50	\$ 41,362.50	\$ 44,845.83	\$ 5,478.75	\$ 440.31		\$ 157,405.17	\$ 162,686.97	\$ 5,255.14

Examined and found correct:  
C. H. MILES,  
Colonel, F.C.,  
Fiscal Officer, U.S.M.A.

JOHN A. McCOMSEY,  
Colonel, Arty.,  
Treasurer.

# DOWN THE FIELD

By Joe Cahill

Lacrosse, the game with the southern accent, was courted by a couple of "Damn Yankees" this spring. The beaux were Army and Princeton. Losing only one game apiece, the teams were voted equal shares in the 1951 National Championship by the United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association.

This marked the third time that Army has been so honored. In 1944 the Cadets were undisputed champions. They shared the spoils with Navy the following season.

To gain the tie Army had to fight an uphill battle all the way against an undefeated and virtually unchallenged Princeton team in the last game of the season for the Tigers. Princeton recorded seven straight victories, including decisive victories over Johns Hopkins and the star-studded Mt. Washington Club, both of whom toppled Army along the way. Scoring three goals in less time than it takes to read this, Princeton lived up to its press notices until the opening minutes of the second period. Then Army adjusted, took over the attack, and by the halfway mark in the third period, had the Tigers reeling. The Cadets, lead by Eddie Markham, opened up a six point advantage and it was never close after that. Only after Coach Morris Touchstone withdrew his aces in the closing minutes of the game was Princeton able to narrow the margin to respectable proportion. The final score, 15-12, is misleading in that the game was not that closely contested.

Army climaxed the season via a decisive 11 to 6 walloping of Navy at Annapolis.

That Army can challenge the Nation's best on the lacrosse field year after year is a tribute to the coaching genius of Coach Touchstone. A member of the staff here since the stock market crashed, he has unquestionably one of the toughest assignments in the business. It is rare that an experienced player finds his way to West Point, but it is not at all unusual to find that many of the players never saw a game before making Touchstone's acquaintance.

The redeeming feature of the baseball and track seasons was the way these two teams continued to dominate the Navy. Staggering through a mediocre season the baseball team found it difficult to win more than two games in succession. Consequently, its position in the Eastern Intercollegiate League is hardly worth mentioning. In the final analysis however, it should be noted that on any given afternoon Paul Amen's squad had the potential to cope with the best. Against Navy few Army teams were ever more adept. Ted Griesinger turned in a workmanlike job on the mound. He limited Navy to five hits, two of the infield scratch variety, and he walked only two. He was aided and abetted by some sparkling fielding and solid hitting. Andy Wettlaufer, the big yearling catcher, took personal charge of the Navy pitching. He collected three hits, knocked in two runs and generally contributed to the demise of

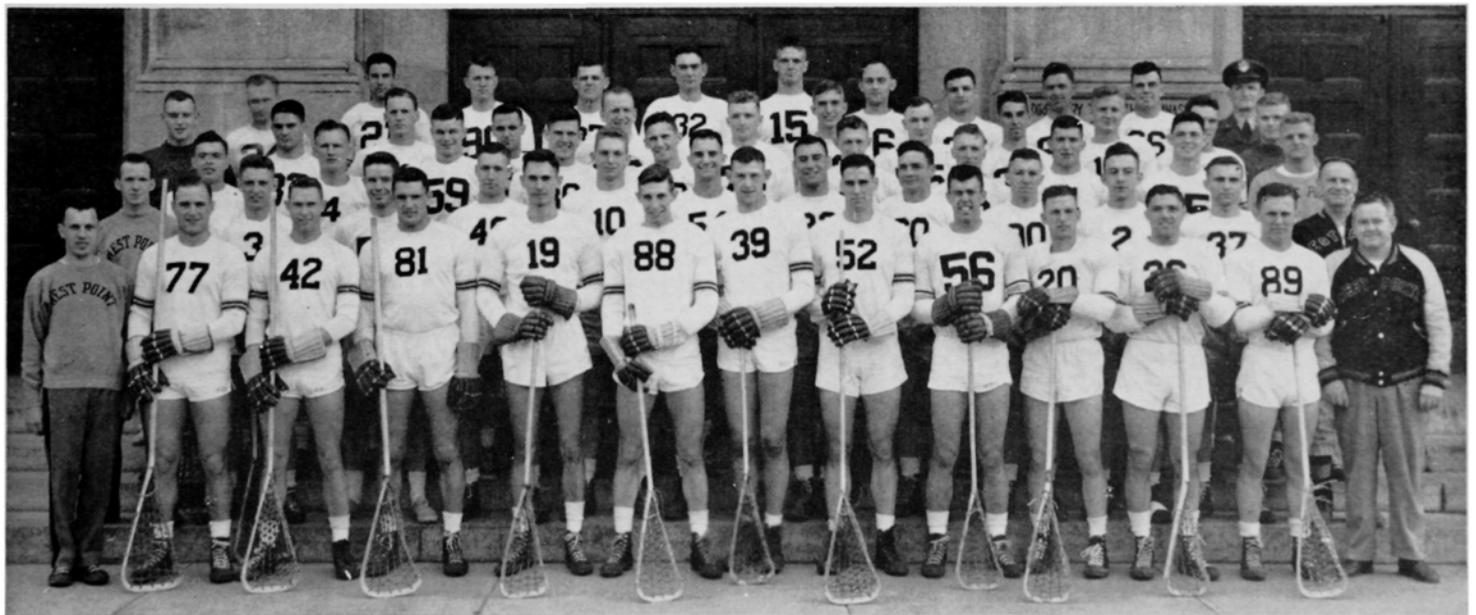
the Midshipmen with his work behind the plate.

In the track and field meet Navy made it close for the first time in five years. The meet was not decided until the pole vault, the final event on the program. Warren Eisenhart and Joe Perlow, vaulting under extreme pressure, cleared 13 feet 4 inches to tie for first. Ted Post and Ed Aldrin dropped Navy from contention by limiting the Middle entry to a three way tie for third.

Hal Schultz eclipsed the Academy and meet records for the high hurdles with a sparkling 14.4 performance. Larry Johnson also erased both marks for the low hurdles when he was clocked in 23 seconds flat. Navy's only record breaking performance was turned in by Bob Allison, who got off a javelin toss of 224 feet 11½ inches.

The 68-2/3 to 62-1/3 decision was about all our thinclads could cheer about. In previous meets they dropped a decision to Manhattan and were a complete disappointment in the Heptagonals, finishing a lowly sixth.

While the squad staggered through an uneventful campaign, Dick Shea continued to make track history. To his winter laurels he added the Penn Relays Invitational 2 mile diadem, the Seton Hall Relays mile and a half championship, the Heptagonal 2 mile, and then turned in a 4:12.8 mile while forcing Fred Wilt to a new Travers Island record. (Continued on page 11)



## ARMY LACROSSE SQUAD — 1951

Front Row (left to right)—Albert Costanzo (Manager), Bruno Giordano, James Pitts, Dan Foldberg, Ralph Cline, Edward Meyer (Captain), Albert Lorenzen, Alexander Weyand, Joseph Austin, Louis Friedersdorff, Billy Ellis, Edward Markham, and Harold Leamy (Trainer).

Second Row—Carl Broadbent (Equipment Manager), Jack Johnson, William Horton, Tom Stumm, Harrison Travis, Max Murrell, Alfred Pollard, Alfred Thieme, Louis Riddlehoover, Richard Hall, Stanford Touchstone, and F. Morris Touchstone (Head Coach).

Third Row—John Osborn, Pete Clements, Bud Ellis, Fred Denman, Charles Lavender, John Tumperi, John Brewer, Mike Juvenal, John Meglen, Robert White, and Pat Feore (Assistant Manager).

Fourth Row—Howell Hodgskin (Assistant Coach), George Storck, Ralph Girdner, James Dietz, Norman Delbridge, Warren Hayford, Jack Witherell, William Cole, Ray Eineigl, Leland Rew, and Henry Evans (Assistant Coach).

Rear Row—John Hemphill, Joseph Sheard, Frank Gay, Jack Roberts, Robert Pfeil, Charles Doryland, Robert Sears, Thomas Jones, Joe Williams, Ben Brian, and Lieutenant Colonel Edward P. Wynne (Assistant Officer Representative).

# WEST POINT SOCIETIES

For the information of all of our alumni we publish below a list of these local West Point organizations and their principal officers at present of record in the office of the Association of Graduates at West Point. Further information concerning these societies and their meetings may be obtained by inquiry to the Secretary of each.

## WEST POINT SOCIETY OF BIRMINGHAM

Birmingham, Alabama

*President:* Mr. William L. Martin, '07  
600 North 18th St., Birmingham 3, Ala.  
*Vice President:* Lt. Col. Graham Kirkpatrick, '25  
1476 Milner Crescent, Birmingham 5, Ala.  
*Sec'y-Treas.:* Mr. John J. F. Steiner, April '17  
2711 Lane Park Rd., Birmingham 9, Ala.

## WEST POINT SOCIETY OF SEATTLE

Seattle, Washington

*President:* Col. Philip L. Thurber, '14  
3048 E. Laurelhurst Drive, Seattle 5, Wash.  
*Vice President:* Col. John L. Goff, '20  
Deputy Post Com'd'r, Fort Lawton, Wash.  
*Vice President:* Lt. Col. Robert S. McClenaghan, '22  
7309 Wright Ave., Seattle 6, Wash.  
*Vice President:* Lt. Col. John P. Buehler, '34  
4735 East Marginal Way, Seattle 4, Wash.  
*Secretary:* Col. S. M. Strohecker, Jr., '24  
1110 Hoge Bldg., Seattle 4, Wash.

## MONTEREY PENINSULA WEST POINT SOCIETY

Fort Ord, California

*President:* Col. Raymond S. Pratt, '01  
Box 353, Carmel-by-the-Sea, Cal.  
*Vice President:* Brig. Gen. Wm. H. Hobson, '12  
M.P.C.C., Del Monte, Cal.  
*Sec'y-Treas.:* Col. W. McC. Chapman, August '17  
P.O. Box 74, Pacific Grove, Cal.

## WEST POINT SOCIETY OF THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA

San Francisco, California

*President:* Brig. Gen. E. H. Marks, '09  
693 Hilldale Ave., Berkeley 8, Cal.  
*1st Vice Pres.:* Col. R. B. Hutchins, '19  
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## REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

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was accomplished. In addition, there was a great deal of discussion of a general nature about the work of the Association of Graduates and of the West Point Societies. This annual meeting has turned out to be a forum at which "no holds are barred" and I believe great good may come from it. Your attention is invited to an article by Colonel Renfroe on this meeting in this issue of *Assembly*.

As it has done annually since 1942, the Association will again this year present a U.S. Savings Bond to the cadet outstanding in military efficiency and leadership in each of the Second, Third and Fourth Classes.

During the past winter, as in 1950, our Association sponsored a cadet essay contest, the purpose of which was to stimulate interest in the achievements of West Point graduates and to emphasize the extent to which such achievements were attributable to the West Point system of education and training. An article by Colonel Renfroe in the April *Assembly* tells about this contest.

In addition to the West Point plates, cups and saucers, which the Association has handled for many years, we are now handling the platter, bread and butter plates, salad plates and the after-dinner cups and saucers. All of this chinaware may be had by the dozen, one-half dozen, or singly, and in either color, pink or blue. Within the past year, we also began the handling of a complete line of the best glassware made in the United States. This glassware has the Academy crest etched upon it and consists of the High-ball glass, Old Fashioned glass, Goblet, Sherbet and Cocktail glass. These glasses may be ordered by the dozen, one-half dozen or singly.

In conclusion I wish to say that I am very grateful for the support received from the Superintendent and his staff, from the Vice Presidents of the Association, the Board of Trustees and its Executive Committee, the Secretary-Treasurer of the Association, the Editors of *Assembly* and the *Register of Graduates*, the Librarian at West Point, the West Point Societies, and from many individual members of our Association. Without this wholehearted cooperation nothing worthwhile could be accomplished.

—Chauncey L. Fenton, '04,  
President.

## DOWN THE FIELD

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ord in the New York Athletic Club's annual meet. Shea now holds the Academy mile and two mile records. His time for the mile is 4:14.1. His 9:11.9 for the double mile at the Penn Relays was not only an Academy record, but also stands as the best clocking for the distance this year.

At the traditional Athletic Review held in June Week, 770 men who participated in the intercollegiate athletic program during the year 1950-51 were honored.

Awards in the form of trophies for individual brilliance, major and minor letters, monograms and numerals were presented to cadets for varsity, junior varsity or plebe participation in the comprehensive eighteen sport program.

Major General Frederick A. Irving, the Superintendent, presented the awards.

The principal accolade went to Harold D.

Shultz of Huntington, Indiana. He was presented the coveted Army Athletic Association Trophy, awarded annually to the cadet of the graduating class who has rendered the most valuable service to intercollegiate athletics during his career as a cadet. Cadet Shultz was regular halfback on the Army football team for the past three seasons, and was also an outstanding hurdler for two years on the track squad during both indoor and outdoor competition.

Charles N. Shira, a tackle from Hamlin, Texas, received the Hughes Trophy, symbolizing the most valuable player on the 1950 football team.

One hundred and thirty major and 131 minor letters, 268 monograms and 241 numerals were presented.

**PLAIN TALK:**—New spring captains include Tom Fitzparick, baseball; Joe Austin, lacrosse; Dick Shea, track; Ed Reinhalter, tennis; and Jim Walter, golf. . . Though Plebes will be eligible for intercollegiate competition as of September, it is doubtful that any will see varsity action. . . Reasons: Earl Blaik believes that there are no Plebes of varsity caliber in this class; Plebes must concentrate on academics. . . Five men of the football coaching staff toured Pacific commands during June-July. . . The trip was made by Major Joel Stephens, Murray Warmath, Vince Lombardi, Paul Amen and Doug Kenna. . . Colonel Phil Draper, basketball captain in '29, and a varsity lacrosse player, will assume his new duties as GMA in August. . . Only the Army-Navy game will be viewed on television in 1951 if present plans are carried out. Approximately \$35,000 was spent in reconditioning Michie Stadium this spring. . . New assignments to the Athletic Department include Lieutenant Gus Dielens, who was wounded in action in Korea, and Captain Bob St. Onge.

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## PERSHING PORTRAIT UNVEILED AT WEST POINT



On the afternoon of June 4, 1951, in Culum Memorial Hall at West Point, Mr. F. Warren Pershing unveiled a memorial portrait of his father, the late General of the Armies John J. Pershing, Class of 1886, painted by Mr. DeWitt M. Lockman of New York City, Academician and Past President of the National Academy of Design. Major General James L. Collins, United States Army, Retired, who served as a member of General Pershing's staff during World War I, delivered an address, and Major General Frederick A. Irving, Superintendent of the United States Military Academy, formally received the portrait for West Point. At the same time General Irving acknowledged Mr. F. Warren Pershing's donation of a collection of General Pershing's uniforms and flags to the West Point Museum.

Among the many distinguished guests at the unveiling ceremony were three of General Pershing's classmates, Brigadier General Henry C. Newcomer, USA, Ret., Brigadier General Avery D. Andrews, USA, Ret., and Lieutenant Colonel Floyd W. Harris, USA, Ret.

The portrait is a posthumous representation of General Pershing in Washington Square, New York City, at the time of the great victory parade of September 9, 1919. Behind the general is "Jeff", the Virginia thoroughbred horse presented to him by the Jefferson Feigl Post of the American Legion. Holding the horse is one of General Pershing's orderlies, Sergeant George P. Eller, and in the middle background is the mounted color guard, with Master Sergeant Harry Cooper and Corporal John T. Weidner as color bearers. Every figure in the painting is a portrait, based on painstaking research and, in the case of then Sergeant Eller, on the active cooperation of the subject. (Mr. Eller, who was present at the unveiling ceremony, now resides in New York City and is State Commander, Department of New York, Military Order of the Purple Heart.)

Mr. Lockman explained to the guests present at the ceremony that he conceived his painting both as an artistic tribute to the great American leader of World War I and as a historical document in which every verifiable detail must be exact. With the assistance of many individuals well acquainted with General Pershing and the

events of the day, he studied numerous published accounts and photographs, as well as portraits, busts and photographs in private collections. He obtained the advice of Generals McCoy and Richardson as to the characteristic appearance of the General, and he had the help of many others with regard to the remaining figures. Commissioner Murphy of the New York City Police Department generously made it possible for him to study horses and equipment of the Police Department, and placed him in touch with Police Captain Meyn, who had ridden "Captain", a horse presented to General Pershing on the day of the parade by the Police Department and ridden by the General from 107th Street to 51st Street, before he mounted "Jeff". The New York Historical Society, the Municipal Art Commission, and the architectural firm of McKin, Mead, and White, provided details of measurements and design of the Washington Arch, seen in the background of the painting. The Smithsonian Institution in Washington provided uniforms worn by General Pershing for him to study. The Military Academy and various other agencies of the United States Government contributed in other ways to the accumulation of essential data.

With details of form well in mind, Mr. Lockman then proceeded to analyze and make color studies of the effects of September afternoon sunlight on the human figure, and on every object to be represented in the painting. The result, an artistic work of great merit, can be seen also as a triumph of masterly research.

## PORTRAITS OF GENERAL DEVERS AND LIEUTENANT GENERAL RICHARDSON RECEIVED AT WEST POINT

On May 25, 1951, at a reception in the West Point Army Mess, the United States Military Academy welcomed into its collection of portraits of distinguished sons a painting of General Jacob L. Devers by John C. Johansen, N.A.D., and one of Lieutenant General Robert C. Richardson, Jr., by DeWitt M. Lockman, N.A.D. In addition to the Superintendent and Mrs. Irving, the receiving line included General and Mrs. Devers, General Richardson, and Mr. and Mrs. Lockman. The two paintings, which will hang permanently in Grant Hall, were on view at the reception and were greatly admired by the many guests in attendance.

Jacob L. Devers was graduated from the Military Academy in 1909. In the course of his commissioned service, he was recalled to duty at West Point three times. From 1912 to 1916 he served as an Instructor in Mathematics at the Academy. From 1919 to 1924 he commanded the U.S.M.A. Detachment of Field Artillery and directed the instruction of cadets in the tactics and technique of the Field Artillery. From 1936 to 1939 he again served at his Alma Mater in the triple capacity of Post Executive Officer, Commanding Officer of Troops, and Graduate Manager of Athletics.

The earlier years of General Devers' career were devoted to his arm of the Service, the Field Artillery. After two separate details to the Staff and Faculty of the Field Artillery School, he was assigned to the Office of the Chief of that arm, where he speedily attained recognition as an authority on artillery support of mechanized operations.

During the critical years preceding World War II, General Devers became known as one of the foremost of the small group of American Army experts in armored warfare. This rare qualification, added to his

notable achievements as an organizer, planner, and trainer of troops, led in 1941 to his appointment as Chief of the Armored Force, in which capacity he formed those formidable armored divisions which rendered such notable service on the battlefields of North Africa and Europe.

In 1943 General Devers was called to Europe, to become successively Commanding General of the European Theatre of Operations, Deputy Commander of U. S. Forces in the Mediterranean, and Commanding General of the Sixth Army Group, the right wing of the Allied Armies in the advance to the Rhine and the invasion of Bavaria and



GENERAL DEVERS

Austria. In four years he had taken an outstanding part in every phase of the Army's participation in the War; organization and training of troops; preliminary planning, on the strategic level, for invasion of the continent; tactical and logistical planning of major land and amphibious operations; command of a major unit in combat.

With this wide experience, his selection, in the summer of 1945, as Commanding General of the Army Ground Forces (later called the Army Field Forces) was a matter of course. In that post General Devers directed the organization and training of the Army's fighting units for more than four years, until his retirement from active duty in the fall of 1949.

### MR. JOHANSEN

John C. Johansen was born in Copenhagen, Denmark, but came to the United States as a small child. That act appears to have severed all connections between Mr. Johansen and his European roots, for he is as American as Plymouth Rock.

He studied at the Art Institute of Chicago and at the Academie Julian in Paris. He was a pupil of Duvencek. In 1903 he achieved public recognition when he won the Chicago Municipal Art League's prize. This was followed in 1904 by the award of the Bronze Medal at the St. Louis Exposition. Other awards followed rapidly and, in 1911, having won the Saltus Gold Medal at the National Academy of Design's Exhibition, he was elected an associate of the Academy. Three years later he became an Academician. To this day he takes a very active part in the deliberations of the National Academy of Design.

Mr. Johansen is represented in many of the most important public galleries and private collections by numerous outstanding por-

traits of American and foreign dignitaries, both civilian and military. His portrait of President Hoover hangs in the White House and his painting of the late Secretary Knox forms a part of the Navy Department's collection. Those two portraits and one of Admiral Robert E. Peary, privately owned, were borrowed by the National Gallery last year to form a part of its City of Washington Sesquicentennial Exhibit.

Mr. Johansen has executed two fine works for West Point, one of the late Lieutenant General Lesley J. McNair and one of General Devers. But Mr. Johansen is not only admired at West Point for his rare artistic ability; his character and staunch patriotism have endeared him even more to his friends at the Academy.

Robert C. Richardson, Jr., was graduated from the Military Academy in 1904. Upon joining his Cavalry regiment he saw extensive field service against hostile Moros in the Philippines, in the course of which he was wounded and received the Silver Star. He experienced a new and rare type of field service upon his return to the United States: stationed at the Presidio of San Francisco, he was on duty in connection with the Army's participation in relief measures incident to the great earthquake and fire.

General Richardson was first recalled to West Point in 1906 as instructor in the Department of Modern Languages. He developed in that time a fluency in the French language which exercised a strong influence on his later career. He further delved into the history and traditions of the Military Academy with an enthusiasm that only increased



LIEUTENANT GENERAL RICHARDSON

with the passage of time. After a three-year tour of duty with troops, he returned to West Point in 1914 as Assistant Professor of English. Between then and 1917 he devoted his spare time to the preparation of a book, "West Point", in which he gave to the American people a clear and sympathetic picture of the Military Academy, its history, traditions, objectives, methods, and ideals.

During World War I General Richardson was a member of the Operations Section of the General Staff, American Expeditionary Forces in France and had extensive experience in coordinating the activities of American troops with those of our Allies. His facility in the use of the French language led to his detail in 1924 as a student at the Ecole Supérieure de Guerre. Upon graduation from that institution in 1926 he served for two years as our Military Attaché in Rome.

The following year General Richardson was recalled to West Point, where, for one year, he was Post Executive Officer and Com-

manding Officer of the Provisional Battalion before being appointed Commandant of Cadets, a post which he filled with vision and energy.

After a detail in the G-2 section of the War Department General Staff, General Richardson returned to duty with troops as a regimental commander, succeeding to the command of the 2d Cavalry Brigade as a brigadier general in 1938. The following year he was appointed Commandant of the Cavalry School.

The outbreak of World War II found General Richardson in command of the VII Corps, a post which he filled with distinction until he was called, in 1943, to Hawaii, to take command of the Hawaiian Department, the Pacific Ocean Area, and the Mid-Pacific, and to act as Military Governor of Hawaii. He remained in that position of highest responsibility throughout the period of our offensive operations and until his retirement from active service in 1946.

#### MR. LOCKMAN

DeWitt M. Lockman is a native New Yorker. He started painting as a small boy, giving promise early of becoming the great artist he later proved himself to be. He was a pupil of James H. Beard, N.A., Nelson M. Beckford, and William Sartain. He studied painting both in this country and in Europe.

Mr. Lockman's long list of major awards was begun in 1915, when he received the Silver Medal at the Panama Pacific Exposition, the first of a long series of impressive prizes. In 1921 he was elected an Academician of the National Academy of Design, whose president he later became in 1949.

During World War I Mr. Lockman served in the Office of Naval Intelligence, 3rd Naval District. His whole subsequent career has been marked by ardent patriotism and generous devotion to public service in the municipal, state, and federal fields. For many years he has been an advisor to the authorities at West Point in problems relating to the Fine Arts. Since 1946, when the present Civilian Art Advisory Committee was actually constituted at the Academy, Mr. Lockman has served as its chairman and most active member. It would be impossible to give here an adequate statement of the services he has rendered to the Military Academy. It can only be acknowledged that those services are constant and vital to the success of our projects.

Mr. Lockman's portraits hang in numerous public galleries and important private collections. At West Point he is represented by the painting of General Bullard in Grant Hall and by that of General Taylor in Washington Hall, both donations by Mr. Lockman himself. With the reception of his portrait of General Richardson and the unveiling, on June 4th, of his great painting of General Pershing, West Point becomes the proud custodian of a group of works whose importance is of the first rank.

## SECOND ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NATIONAL PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE WEST POINT SOCIETIES

On June 2, 1951 the second annual meeting of the National Public Relations Committee of the West Point Societies was held at West Point. The meeting began with a dinner at the West Point Army Mess. A discussion of the Committee's public relations programs followed the dinner. Participating in this discussion were representatives of several West Point Societies, several officers stationed at the Military Academy, Brigadier General Chauncey L. Fenton, Retired, President of the Association of Graduates and Major General R. M. Danford, Retired, Editor of the *Register of Grad-*

*uates*. Major General Frederick A. Irving, Superintendent, and Brigadier General Harris Jones, Dean of the Academic Board, also attended the dinner and meeting.

The National Public Relations Committee of the West Point Societies was organized on June 3, 1950, at a meeting similar to that held this year. It was felt then that the West Point Societies could aid greatly in making the Military Academy better known and appreciated throughout the country, provided that their public relations efforts were coordinated and oriented with the policies of the Superintendent's Information Committee. The 1950 organizational meeting resulted in the adoption of a charter which provided for the guidance and coordination of the work of the various Societies by three principal means: (1) a central secretariat at West Point, provided by the Secretary of the Association of Graduates; (2) close liaison between the National Public Relations Committee and the Superintendent's Information Committee; and (3) an annual meeting of the Committee at West Point during June Week. The initial meeting also adopted a long-range public relations program and a group of specific projects for the year 1950-1951.

This year's meeting was presided over by General Fenton, who explained the purpose of the Committee and reviewed its history, and then asked Colonel Charles P. Nicholas, Professor of Mathematics, a member of the Superintendent's Information Committee, to read the charter of the Committee. General Fenton then explained that during the past winter and spring the Secretary of the Committee had solicited from the various Societies suggestions for the 1951-52 program, and with these suggestions at hand the members of the Committee at West Point had prepared draft programs, both long-range (revised) and annual, which were forwarded to the Committee members several weeks before the June 2nd meeting. This explanation was followed by detailed discussion and adoption of the two programs.

The Long-range Public Relations Program has as its purpose the presenting to the public of a balanced and well-proportioned picture of the West Point system of education; stressing the thorough four-year academic course, generally similar to that of a liberal arts college; the broad and basic nature of the military education, with branch specialization left for the years immediately following graduation; and the leadership and character-building aspects of the Military Academy course. These points, with several others which complete the picture, are intended to offset the popular misconception of West Point as a training school concentrating largely on close order drill and football.

The specific public relations projects adopted for the year 1951-52 have the following principal aims: to utilize the Sesquicentennial year to inform the public of the role played by West Pointers in affairs of national and international importance, both in peace and in war; to stress the active influence of the USMA motto, "Duty, Honor, Country", on the cadet's development; to encourage outstanding boys to seek appointment to West Point; and to continue to give our alumni a balanced and up-to-date picture of West Point—thus encouraging and facilitating their effective participation in the public relations program.

After the adoption of the public relations programs, the new Signal Corps motion picture, "This Is West Point", was shown to the group. It was received with great enthusiasm, and all present felt that it will help considerably to give the public a true and balanced picture of West Point. One copy of the film is being furnished each West Point Society, and other copies will be available on a loan basis from Signal Corps film libraries and from the Public Information Office, U.S.M.A.

## NEW COMMANDANT OF CADETS



Colonel John K. Waters, Class of 1931

In June 1951, soon after graduation of the Class of 1951, Colonel John K. Waters, Armor, succeeded Colonel Paul D. Harkins, Armor, Class of 1929, as Commandant, U.S.C.C. Colonel Harkins has been transferred to duty in the Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, Department of the Army, in Washington.

Colonel Waters was Assistant Commandant prior to becoming Commandant. In World War II he served with the 1st Armored Division in North Africa until he was captured by the Germans in February 1943.

## DIALECTIC SOCIETY SEEKS ALUMNI ASSISTANCE

By CADET ROBERT A. CARLONE,  
Class of 1952, President

The Dialectic Society, U.S.C.C. plans to keep up with the pace set for the coming Sesquicentennial Celebration and asks the assistance of all West Point alumni. Before explaining our needs, however, I would like to give you some idea of the tentative plans of the Society for the year 1951-52.

To create an active nucleus of members who are seriously interested in the stage and theater, we have organized a theater guild. It meets bi-monthly to discuss current happenings of the theater and read plays; and it invites prominent show people from New York to talk to its members about the theater. The first few meetings have revealed much latent talent which should prove invaluable in producing next year's 100th Night Show and the additional two productions scheduled to be staged . . . a worthy Christmas Show and possibly one other next April. We have also arranged to have four performances of the 100th Night Show in March rather than the customary three. Another of our plans is to sponsor a costume ball, somewhat similar to the one which used to be included in Camp Illumination. The general opinion in the Corps is greatly in favor of bringing back this activity of the past. We have also begun negotiations for the filming of next year's 100th Night Show. It is hoped that the film will be shown on television to a nationwide audience, and also at West Point during June Week. One of the biggest projects we have proposed is the creation of a broadcasting station at West Point. We

would like to have West Point join the ranks of the many large universities which have their own radio stations. We feel certain that a station of our own would serve as an additional outlet for cadet talent; and that it would also be educational, informative, and entertaining.

Now that I have briefly outlined our proposed plans, I would like to tell you how you can help us achieve one of our aims. It is our earnest desire to compile a complete history of the Dialectic Society, to include programs, scripts, pictures, music, names of officers and members, and activities. Here is where we need your assistance. These records, started by the Class of '51, are far from being complete, and can only be made so by additional information contributed by graduates. We have exhausted all the sources of information at our disposal, and we will greatly appreciate any material concerning the Society which you may have to offer. Your comments, suggestions or criticisms about the Society and its plans will also be gratefully received.

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## BOOK REVIEW

ROBERT E. LEE. By Colonel Guy Emery, Class of 1930. New York: Julian Messner, Inc. 170 pp. plus index. \$2.75.

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

Readers may be inclined to underestimate the value of this life of Lee because of its brevity and fictionalized form. It possesses, however, virtues that are lacking in some of the more elaborate biographies. Compression has led to a clear over-all perspective. Incidents have been carefully selected to advance the narrative and emphasize the salient points of Lee's career.

Lest the reader be fooled into thinking this just another, hasty, "pot-boiler" we volunteer the information that the author did a long, careful research job, and that his facts are reliable. Even some of the dialogue that seems obviously invented turns out to be quoted from contemporary sources.

When Colonel Emery, Assistant Professor of Law, U.S.M.A., was asked by his publishers, to write a short biography of Robert E. Lee, he consented with some reluctance. He felt that the subject had been wrung dry by Douglas Southall Freeman, and he doubted the possibility of developing the life of Lee within the limit of less than 200 pages.

As his research progressed, he was impressed by the fact that Lee's biographers had set him up on a pedestal, like the "marble model", his detested cadet nickname, and had proceeded to worship. He felt that the mainspring of Lee's character—how he became the self-sacrificing servant of duty—had never been brought out. Biographers were content to take Lee's qualities as they found them and, seemingly, were not interested in what produced them.

For this reason, Colonel Emery devotes considerable space at the beginning of the book to Lee's boyhood. He makes a convincing case for the thesis that at about the age of twelve, Lee considered the decline of his family's fortunes, his father's ruined health and reputation, and the unlikelihood that his brothers would ever do much to re-establish the prestige of the name. Then and there, he took upon himself the burden that none of his relatives seemed willing to shoulder. He had already learned the meaning of service and sacrifice through caring

for his ailing mother and helping her cope with the poverty that made her and himself dependent upon the generosity of relatives. His character was formed before he came to West Point. Henceforth, duty and self-denial were to be his watchwords. They became so ingrained in him that he could never have done other than he did.

The story is a tragic one, relieved by few happinesses for Lee. Colonel Emery tells it well, with sympathy, but without sentimentality. He takes Lee off the pedestal and treats him as a human being; but, in spite of everything, the "marble model" is still erect and well above the ordinary level of mortal men.

## THE WEST POINT SOCIETY OF PHILADELPHIA

On May 11, 1951, our Society held a joint stag dinner with members of the Naval Academy Society of Philadelphia at the Officers Mess in the Naval Base. It was well attended and all participants felt it was a fine gathering and should be repeated more often. A joint dinner dance in October is now on the cards.

Our Society participated with other military and naval organizations in celebrating Armed Forces Day on May 19, with the dual objective of informing the public concerning National Defense and paying tribute to our Armed Services. Hon. J. Howard McGrath, Attorney General of the United States, was the speaker at the luncheon held that day.

We suffered a severe loss in the sudden death of our popular assistant secretary, Hobart A. Murphy, '24, on March 26 last. In the short time he has been stationed in Philadelphia, he won a host of friends and was one of our most loyal supporters and workers.

On May 3 another caravan of the Directors of the Chamber of Commerce journeyed to West Point for a day's excursion and came back extremely appreciative of the Academy and its mission. They followed the pattern we set forth in a similar trip which we sponsored a year ago.

We were overjoyed in learning that the Army-Navy game will remain in Philadelphia for the next four years with a further option of three more years, running thru 1957. This will give us renewed opportunities of welcoming the Alumni in Philadelphia in succeeding years.

June Week at West Point found a large delegation from our Society in attendance, including six Past Presidents of our Society: Bettison, '01, Sorley, '91, Game, '99, Tidball, '01, King, '06, Greene, '13, as well as our present head, Randolph, '15. We all had a wonderful time.

—S. Edelman, Secretary.

## NEEDS OF THE WEST POINT MUSEUM

The West Point Museum is in great need of Volume VI B, and Volume VIII of *Cul-lum's Register*. Donations of these books will be gratefully received.

The Museum would also appreciate receiving gifts of obsolete items of cadet uniforms and insignia. Among the articles wanted are: Gray dress cap of the 1903-1923 period; full dress hats of all periods before 1899; white helmets; riding breeches of various periods; pre-1890 riding jacket; forage caps in use before the Civil War; any items of the pre-Civil War period; and cadet swords, sashes, belts, cartridge boxes, insignia, and buttons used before 1875.



## New Members

We welcome to our membership 446 graduates of the Class of 1951, and 59 other graduates and ex-cadets who have recently joined the Association. The total number of members is now 11,692.

91.6% 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.

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Colonel John Millis, Class of 1881, the oldest graduate present at West Point during June Week 1951 (second from left) leads the column of the Long Gray Line to Thayer Monument on June 4. With Colonel Millis are Major General Frederick A. Irving, Class of April, 1917, Superintendent (left), Major General Henry C. Hodges, Jr., Class of 1881 (second from right) and Brigadier General Chauncey L. Fenton, Class of 1904, President of the Association of Graduates (right).

## 1881

A seventieth reunion is a rare event! We of the Class of '81 have just completed such, ably assisted by a gathering of descendants of the Class under the leadership of Mrs. J. Fish Peabody, daughter of Williston Fish of blessed memory. She took endless pains to communicate with every known descendant, advising them that this reunion would be an eventful one and inviting them, as many as possible, to come to West Point and attend it. In addition she had collected from several families mementos of our cadet days and life in the Service and had them arranged and displayed in a room of the East Academic Building, which had been placed at her disposal by the Superintendent, and where she and her sister, Mrs. E. P. Rumsey, were present almost constantly to explain what had been loaned. We dubbed it "The Peabody Museum".

In the last issue of *Assembly* it was noted that Mrs. Peabody had started to interest the class descendants to come to West Point this June to help celebrate the seventieth reunion of the Class and that she would be able to show that her endeavors had been a success. Although the attendance was limited, letters poured in by the dozens, expressing, in most instances, sincere regrets that the writers would be unable to attend but, in all cases, full appreciation of the interest, time and trouble expended in communicating so spiritedly with so many people and in following so many clues in order to reach the right persons. We are able to write that the reunion was a real success.

Of the Class Millis and Hodges, H. C., were the only ones present. Bennett, the only other survivor, lives in California and was unable to undertake the long journey, but is looking forward to the account of the happenings.

The descendants present were: Harleston J. Hall (son of Lyman Hall), Harleston J. Hall, Jr., Miss Anne Caruthers Hall, Miss Evelyn Hodges (daughter of Hodges), Mr. and Mrs. Parke A. Hodges (son and daugh-



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Left to Right—Miss Leone Rayburn, Walter Millis, III, Mrs. E. P. Rumsey, Harleston J. Hall, Jr., Mrs. Norman Dicken, Millis, Mrs. J. Fish Peabody, Harleston J. Hall, Hodges, H. C., Walter Millis, Miss Evelyn Hodges and Miss Anne Hall.

ter-in-law of Hodges), Mrs. Norman Dicken (daughter of Millis), Walter Millis (son of Millis), Walter Millis, III, and Miss Leone Rayburn (niece of Jonas Emery). And, of course, the daughters of Williston Fish who have been mentioned.

At the Annual Meeting of the Association of Graduates on June 4, the President, General Fenton, read a Concurrent Resolution adopted on May 16, 1951 by the Legislature of the State of Michigan, honoring Millis and Wilder ('77), both native sons of Michigan, for their long and distinguished service to the Nation. Our congratulations to both of them!

A very pleasant evening was spent by us, two graduates and their respective daughters, with the Class of '91 at their reunion dinner. Their reunion was the sixtieth. The Class of '91 has been very friendly with the Class of '81 for many years. Both classes look forward to the respective reunions.

Our appreciation is hereby expressed for the arrangements made by the Superintendent, The Association of Graduates, and their respective assistants, for the care of all visiting alumni and, particularly, for the alumni of '81 and their friends. **MAY WE HAVE ANOTHER REUNION!!**

—H. C. H., Jr.

### 1886

The 65th anniversary reunion of the class of '86 took place at West Point on Alumni day, Monday, June 4, with three of the five surviving members present, Newcomer, Harris and Andrews. To our great regret, Traub and Mott, T. B., were unable to be present.

Preceded only by two members of '81, Millis and Hodges, we marched at the head of the Alumni procession from Cullum Hall to the Thayer Monument, and it was our special privilege to be among the invited guests at the unveiling ceremonies in Cullum of the fine portrait of our classmate, Pershing, by DeWitt M. Lockman.

The arrangements for our entertainment were perfect, and our thanks are due to the Superintendent, General Irving, his staff and to the various committees.

—A. D. A.

ored the Class of '81 on their 70th anniversary. Present were: Mrs. Sorley, Mrs. Dicken and Miss Evelyn Hodges, the latter two being the accompanying daughters, respectively, of Col. John Millis, oldest graduate present, and General Harry C. Hodges, our Member Emeritus; Donworth, Horney, Sorley and Tutherly brought the total to nine participants. Sunday had been a somewhat busy day, what with the baccalaureate services, General Hodges' annual luncheon, the Supe's reception and the evening review and awards.

Monday we were joined by Cosby and Mrs. Cosby for the Thayer Monument ceremony and the Alumni review. Alumni luncheon and annual meeting followed in the Cadet Mess, and later came Graduation Parade and the line-up of the graduates as the Corps passed in farewell review. All the old sensations were experienced as we watched the matchless maneuvers of the cadets and revived the memories of long ago.

Amid the foregoing items of our reunion, time was found to visit the cemetery to pay our respects at the graves of Bradley, Crowley, Echols, Furlong and Pierce; for a pause at the '91 window in the chapel and an inspection of the new console of the organ

### 1891

At our 60th anniversary dinner at the West Point Army Mess on June 3 we hon-



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and Mr. Mayer's happiness therein; and for a viewing of the Palmer Pierce Memorial in the main corridor of the Physical Education Building. Presented to the Academy two years ago by Mrs. Pierce, this handsome cabinet in bronze and plate glass and imported stone is an impressive tribute to Palmer in recognition of his long services in the promotion of high standards in intercollegiate athletics. A story on this Memorial appeared in *Assembly* for April 1949.

Finally, we report that our little elm, planted in 1926, is now a handsome tree worthily representing us.

—L. S. S.

## 1894

The Class of 1894 has lost another of its members. Ed Bell passed away very suddenly at his home in Washington on April 30, of a heart attack. Interment was in Arlington on May 2, after a simple service at his home. The usual floral tribute from the Class was sent, and has been gratefully acknowledged by his family. He is survived by his wife and two daughters, Mrs. Charles W. Neill of Tappan, N. Y., and Mrs. E. A. Luckenbach, wife of Lieutenant Colonel Luckenbach, now stationed at Fort Leavenworth, and by several grandchildren. Mrs. Bell is at present with her daughter at Fort Leavenworth.

Don Pablo Malone writes that he underwent an operation in Letterman Hospital in February, but came out of it most satisfactorily and hopes to be at West Point for the Sesquicentennial next June. His grandson, Paul B. Malone, III, will graduate then. Another grandson, David, son of Col. Paul B. Malone, Jr., entered West Point with the new class on July 3.

Carlos Crain came on from Pasadena for June Week as usual. He seems to have fully recovered from his operation.

Laddie and Mrs. Ladue have lost their only son, Brigadier General Laurence K. Ladue, Class of 1924, who died suddenly in Korea on May 24, of a heart attack.

—W. B. L.

## 1895

General and Mrs. Darrah were in Washington early in June, visiting Mr. and Mrs. Woodlief Thomas and family, and on their way to Swarthmore for graduation exercises, in which a grandson was taking an active part, on June 11. Mrs. Thomas is a daughter (Jean West).

Dwyer has been dividing his time between Plattsburg and Newport, depending on circumstances.

In the June Week program at West Point this year some twelve or fifteen alumni were in front of '95 in marching to Thayer Monument from Cullum Hall for the Alumni Exercises on Alumni Day. It was a beautiful day and the observance was altogether in keeping with the weather.

—F. B. W.

## 1901

The Round Table is functioning normally again and we were happy to have Dinsmore with us. Another milestone in Class history has been passed. Our 50th Reunion was a great success, thanks to our President, Bettison, who kept us alive to its importance by moral and material support, and, to Beverly Browne, who thought out and worked up the details of a very fine celebration that was enjoyed very much by nineteen classmates and fifteen ladies.

Fifty years has brought the Class close to the head of the column in the march from Cullum Hall to Thayer Monument. There were less than thirty old grads between us and the band. Beverly had furnished Panama hats with attractive name bands and special ties which helped to emphasize that this was our important Reunion. We were happy to have Billy Haskell standing with us in the front row at the Thayer Monument Ceremony. When the wreath was placed at the foot of the Monument we thought of Harry Jordan, whose efforts brought about this addition to the ceremony. As usual the Corps of Cadets and the Cadet Choir were an unforgettable part of the ceremony. The review by the Corps for the Alumni could not have been more inspiring, especially since we were blessed with a beautiful morning.

On Alumni Day, before the Thayer Ceremony, a memorial to our classmate, Peek, presented by his widow, was dedicated at the Cadet Chapel by very appropriate rites, attended by classmates and their ladies.

Beverly inaugurated the festive occasion with a cocktail party for everybody, including the ladies, on Saturday, June 2nd, at the Bear Mountain Inn. Mrs. Maguire, Mrs. Muller, Mrs. Lynch, Mrs. Peek, Mrs. Tidball, Mrs. Lahm, Mrs. Shinkle, Mrs. Jewett, Mrs. Horner, Mrs. Browne, Mrs. Powell, Mrs. Dent, Mrs. Onley, Mrs. Keyes, and Mrs. Chapman were the ladies who honored the Class at this function and who were honor guests at Sunday evening dinner at the Inn, given by the Class.

We all enjoyed a good alumni luncheon and speeches by Brigadier General Chauncey Fenton, President of the Association of Graduates; the Superintendent of the Military Academy, Major General F. A. Irving; and General Hoyt Vandenberg. Major Gen-

eral Robert M. Danford nominated officers for the Association for the coming year, and 1901 was honored by the election of Lahm and Browne as Vice Presidents. General Fenton presented graduates who had especially honored the Academy by their service and again 1901 was honored by Billy Haskell, who was asked to rise and accept the appreciation of the graduates present.

During our stay we were very pleased to have with us at times a son of Larkin, two sons of Billy Haskell, a son of Goff Caples, a son of Allen Keyes, and a niece of Anne Peek.

Browne ended the program with a Class Dinner at the Officers Club, where a good time was had by all present. The dinner was high lighted by a fine talk by Allen Keyes, Jr., who is on duty at the Academy.

Those of us who were at the Reunion and who are frequenters of the Round Table were more than pleased to see Amos, Larkin, Kay, Cooley, Powell, Tidball and Maguire, who have never enjoyed our Wednesday luncheons. We hope they may some day give us the pleasure of their attendance. Others present were: West, Roth, Smith, W. D., Bettison, Sherrill, Dinsmore, Shinkle, Lahm, Beck, Dent, Browne and Haskell.

Those who were still in barracks on the morning of June 5th were given a touch of cadet life by being awakened early to vacate the barracks by 9:00 A.M., in order to allow the cadets to move in again—naturally some had to finish packing their bags in the area. Serves them right.

Thanks to Bet and Beverly and also to the Academy and Association officials for a very fine time. Let us go as often as possible to future reunions.

—R. M. B., Jr.

## 1903

Again the news of the Class must begin on a sad note. "Egges" Ahrends died June 4th at his home in Palo Alto. Dick Moore happened to see a clipping in the San Francisco *Chronicle* and sent flowers from the Class. A letter from the Class has been sent to Mrs. Ahrends. At this writing it is not known whether more than one classmate attended. Trophy Bendle and his wife, from whom a letter was received, were there and represented the Class.

Orville Tyler died while on a visit to his daughter in Albuquerque on May 20th. Orville had been a semi-invalid for some time. His home address was 41 Via Descanso, Monterey, California. The family requested that no flowers be sent. Dick Moore attended the funeral services, representing the Class. A letter of sympathy from the Class has been sent to Mrs. Tyler.



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Everyone sends their sympathy to "Pat" Lynch, whose wife, Gladys, died in Walter Reed Hospital on May 15th.

When our distinguished classmate, Douglas MacArthur, arrived in Washington from San Francisco, George Cocheu and his wife were present with the select few who greeted him personally as he stepped from the plane. Thousands in the roped-off section cheered him from a distance. The next afternoon, when over one hundred thousand people listened to him at the Washington Monument, special reserved seats were provided for 1903 men. They were occupied by Cocheu, Schley, Collins, Preston, and Lynn, and their wives.

Mac Arthur has seen several of the Class since he has been in New York at the Waldorf. Gilmor, Rose and Pope are known to have each spent some time with him. Pope told him he should be ashamed of himself for sneaking into New York without letting his classmates know he was in town. It looks at this writing as though he is going to stay at the Waldorf for some time. Both Douglas and his wife look fine. Although busy, he does want to see 1903 men.

Graduation at West Point, it being our off year, was slimly attended by our class. "Puss" Farnum was there for two days during Alumni celebrations and was joined by Pope on Alumni day. Cocheu expected to attend but could not make it. "Willie" Rose attended the graduation of a grandchild elsewhere on Alumni Day, but was at West Point for awhile during the June Week festivities.

All are urged to send in to Pope at Katonah, New York, as many pleasant happenings interesting to the Class as possible for inclusion in this column.

## 1904

Chauncey and Marguerite Fenton spent the first week of April in Washington, D. C., during which Chauncey attended the annual meeting of the conference of American Small Business Organizations. The classmates of Washington and vicinity were happy to have him drop in at their April luncheon and to see him looking as fit as usual.

McIlroy reports that at the recent annual dinner of the West Point Society of Columbus, Ohio, there were thirty-two persons present, four of whom were of the Class of 1904: Brunzell, McIlroy, McKell and Moody. The first three live in or near Columbus but Moody was there only temporarily in connection with the work of a local manufacturing concern. Brunzell has quit

college work and now devotes himself to gardening and home repairs. McIlroy, with Gwynneth and their youngest, Ellen, a senior at Bryn Mawr, were about to start on a motor trip to the West Coast to visit some of their other children.

After spending seven months of the past year in the hospital, "Three Square" Meals took a three months' joy ride to Japan, spent ten days in Tokyo and saw MacArthur and Stratemeyer who gave him a flight over the neighborhood.

A note from Parker, R. B., indicates that he is still working with no thought of retiring. He sends his best to classmates.

Thompson has been in Aurora, Colorado, near Denver, for a while recently. He tried to get our Denver classmates, Gimperling and Ward, to join him for a class luncheon but it could not be arranged at that time. He said that he was going to try again.

As a retired brigadier general of the New York National Guard, Wright is still on active duty. He is Chief of the Aircraft Warning Service Section, New York State Civil Defense Commission; has general supervision over some 16,000 civilian volunteers throughout the entire state of New York; and finds the work very interesting. In April, Wright and his wife went to Fort Campbell, Kentucky, and had a grand visit with their daughter, three grand-children, and their son-in-law, Colonel T. J. Conway, '33, who is in command of the 188th Infantry Regiment of the 11th Airborne Division.

—W. B.

## 1906

Operation Crimson is over. A wonderful party it was too, merry, inspiring, loquacious, oratorical, poetic, fraternal, and expansive; a real 1906 reunion, with adequate color, noise and action; fitting for the forty-fifth anniversary of our friendly class. Commendation to Commander Red Hoyle and Executive Director Jim Riley for the planning and timing and operation of all details; to Mick Daley and his committee for attendance; to Charlie Rockwell, Skinny Wainwright, Hap Pennell and George Morrow for the excellent and appropriate souvenirs, the cup for the first great grandfather, and the superb illuminated scrolls showing the affection of the class for its operating staff. Present were: Bill Akin, Dick Burleson, Sue Clagett, Mick Daley, UN Finch, Alex Gillespie, Red Hoyle, Ralph Jones, Joe King, Ernest Layfield, Tubby Loughry, Harry MacMillan, Earl McFarland, P. D. Mettler, George Morrow, McKew Parr, Jim Riley, Charlie Rockwell,

Hugo Selton, Plupy Shute, Skinny Wainwright, Ma Watson, Forrest Williford, Henry Wessells, and honorary member Brice Frey. Representing the next generation were present: Jack Wainwright, Skinny's son; Ed Spaulding, Plupy Shute's son-in-law; and Bill Freudenthal, Oscar Westover's son-in-law. For the fine work these three have done for the class, we made them honorary members and added to our honorary list two absent ones; Jim Riley, Jr., son of Jim, Sr., for his help as Assistant Treasurer; and Josephine King, for being the first daughter to become an officer. A class letter will present the details of the three day affairs, because they were too good to be contracted into the available space in this column; but a few must be mentioned, namely, the preliminary and gay assembly in Benny Havens' Locker at the Club; the inspiring music and sermon in the Chapel; the class memorial service on Sunday afternoon with Fritz Mayer at the great organ; the reception of Colonel Millis, Class of 1881, at the banquet preliminaries; the poems of the Old Cavalry, recited by Skinny Wainwright at the banquet; the beautiful and exciting banquet itself, with the presentation of the souvenirs, the great grandfather's cup and the illuminated scrolls, and the reading of the messages from the absent; the election of Wainwright and Mettler as vice presidents of the Association of Graduates; and that lovely buffet supper party at the Spaulding quarters—a fitting climax at the end of the great reunion.

Whiffy Abraham at St. Petersburg was kept away by a bit of heart trouble. Jack Henderson had to stay home for a cataract operation to get back his failing vision. Tige Huntley found the journey from Arcadia, California much too long. Johnnie Pratt sat in the rain through last Fall's Army-Stanford game, but was still unable to make the long trip. Joe Green was busy in San Antonio forming the "Eighty or Bust" club. Gatewood sent a beautiful letter, part of which was read at the banquet. Brett couldn't leave his high dry climate at Tombstone, Arizona, but told us the road to Mexico and to Fort Huachuca was in good shape for his travels in search of food and drink. Joe Loving was held at San Clemente, California by illness. John Merrill was in the midst of planning a move back to Texas from Santa Monica. Cort Parker was detained at Boston at the last minute by Civil Defense matters. Jim Steese couldn't get out of South Africa in time for the reunion. Johnny Johnson couldn't get away from Asheville, N. C. Dick Jacobs was held in San Antonio with a bad heart. We are sorry they had to miss such a grand time as we had together, but some other classes that complained of the noise too late and too



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loud in the 53rd Div. may rejoice that there were no more of us.

Back here in Dillard, the rains have come, breaking the drought. The mountain forests and the valley farms are smiling in many shades of spring green and harvest yellow, a restful background for memories of a great reunion at the world's greatest Alma Mater.

—Charles G. Mettler.

## 1907

Even though our 45th Reunion is still another year away, the Committee in Washington is beginning to formulate plans for its proper observance, and each member of the Class will receive a questionnaire on this subject in the near future. It will be an historic event with a number of interesting special features, including the graduation of Jimmy Collins' son, and the presentation by Ben Castle of a portrait of Freddie, which will be hung in the Library with those of other graduates who have been awarded the Medal of Honor.

While in England last summer Ben visited Bury St. Edmunds, where he learned of a picture of Freddie which had hung in the Municipal Council Room. On behalf of his 4th Combat Wing, Freddie had donated a chair to the chairman of the Council. The Council had asked for a picture of him and one had been sent, but Ben found it to be very poor and offered to send a better one. The new picture will soon be on its way with another one which will go to the Swan Inn at Lavenham, where many of the men of the 4th Combat Wing customarily gathered for a convivial evening. In this Inn there is a room which is a sort of memorial to the 8th Air Force. On its walls are pictures of members of the 4th Combat Wing and signatures all over the place. There was no picture of Freddie, but it was explained that the former owner of the Inn, when he sold out to the present owners, had taken the picture because it had been personally presented to him by Freddie. Ben is sending another one to make the gallery complete.

While this news is a little late, it is, nonetheless, noteworthy and the Class will be interested to learn that in 1943 Jimmy Collins was awarded an LLD degree by the University of Puerto Rico; the only Army man who ever received a degree from that university.

We spent a week in Alexandria, Virginia in May and our daughter and son-in-law, Dinny and Duncan Somerville, gave a cocktail party for us at the Army Navy Country Club. Among those present were the Larneds, Castles, Collins and Eastmans. During our visit, Sunny Jim Martin arrived in Washington and was the guest of honor at a Class luncheon at the Army Navy Town Club, which was attended by Castle, Drain, Gutensohn, McNeil, Larned, Harris, Rose, Sullivan, Doak and Wagner. At the same time Mrs. Castle was hostess at luncheon for Mrs. Doak, Mrs. Larned, Mrs. Wagner and Mrs. Somerville in the ladies' dining room. Injun Hayden was also the guest of honor at a Class luncheon in Washington recently. He has moved from Portland, Maine to Mattituck, Long Island, New York. Lucian Booth's daughter Leila, was married in June to Captain James M. Morris, Jr. of the Class of 1945. Mildred Yount was in Washington recently for a visit with her son and expects to be with the Class at the 45th Reunion. Harry Pfeil died rather suddenly on April 4 at his home in Westerly, Rhode Island. He was buried in Arlington and ten classmates attended the services. Mrs. Pfeil wrote an appreciative note thanking the Class for the flowers and expressing her appreciation for the presence of so many of Harry's classmates. The Larneds are rejoicing over the imminent return of their daughter and her family to Washington, where their son-in-law is back in Navy Ordnance.

The Andy Langs have found an apartment in Washington and were expected from Pass Christian, Mississippi, some time in June. The Morrisons were at West Point in April and stopped off with us on their way back to their summer home in Marblehead Neck, Massachusetts. These notes sound like a Washington newspaper column, but if members of the Class in the wide open spaces will just let us hear from them our news will be more diversified and interesting. Jimmy Collins, Roger Alexander and your correspondent were the only members of the Class at West Point during June Week, but next year should be a different story. Start making your plans now to come back and make our 45th Reunion something to remember.

—H. W. W.

## 1908

In spite of the high cost of labor and fertilizer, and the low income from avocados,

the Muhlenbergs are enjoying a pleasant life on their California ranch. Their son, Major D. D. K. Muhlenberg, A. F., of Westover Field, Mass., visited them recently. Muhlenberg sees occasionally Dusenbury, also an avocado grower, and MacLachlan, both of '07.

Higley, Avery, Meredith and Cummins attended the West Point dinner at Ft. Ord in March. Jimmie Lyon does a little printing for his friends as a hobby. Got himself a small press a couple of years ago when Secretary of the retired officers' group in the San Francisco Bay area. He printed the notices for our regular monthly luncheon in May, sent to those in the Washington-Baltimore area. Slaughter's youngest son, a graduate magna cum laude of Georgetown University, 1950, majoring in Physics, and a gold medal therein, being first for two years, is now in the Air Force pursuing a special course in higher mathematics in a school in Los Angeles. His other two sons are both overseas, one in Korea and one in Germany. Grisell is busy with his garden in Menlo Park. His son and daughter are both married and he is very proud of a grandson and granddaughter. Rodney Smith is now consultant with the New York State Civil Defense Commission, and to make commuting easier, has moved his residence to The New England Village, Building VI (Apt. F6), 105 New England Avenue, Summit, New Jersey. The Jimmy James' spent a month in Washington, D. C. seeing relatives and friends and left in May on a Caribbean cruise. Mary Cutrer is visiting a sister at Jenkintown, Pa. Her son, E. V. Cutrer, Jr., is in New York from Hollywood, doing parts in television shows. Lacy Hall is a consulting engineer for the Utica Structural Steel Company. Dixon and Deans, members of the 1908 band in Southern California, are still chalking up good scores at golf. Playing together recently, Deans repeated his 37 of a few months ago for 9 holes while Dixon shot a par 34. The Everett Hughes are spending three months in Charleston, S. C. Adele Buckner, of San Francisco, has taken a house in Carmel for June. Her daughter-in-law, Mrs. S. B. Buckner, III, and her grandson, Jeffrey Buckner, 3 years old, are with her. The Ray Averys are spending three months this summer in Jasper National Park and in Victoria, B. C. Jack Curry was in Washington recently to appear before a Congressional Committee in connection with hearings on the St. Lawrence Seaway Project. Bonesteel attended the annual West Point dinner at Fort Benning, Georgia.

—J. E. C.



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## 1909

June Week of '51 saw the following '09 men at West Point: Gramp Hunter, Ying Wen, Claude Thummel, Bert Farman, Jim Walsh and George Van Deusen. All appeared hale and hearty, especially Gramp, who set too fast a pace for some of his contemporaries at the Alumni Day Exercises. Wen returned from Hong Kong about May 1st. He has been staying at the Chastleton Hotel in Washington, D. C., accompanied by Mrs. Wen. He reports having seen Chen in Hong Kong. The Garry Ords gave a party for the Wens, which was the first time that most of the guests had the pleasure of meeting Ying's charming wife. Victor Wen is now an instructor at the Army Language School at Monterey, Calif., a position formerly held by his brother Alfred, who is now in New York City on the "Voice of America". Claude Thummel is now occupying his new home at 101 Brookhaven Road, McLain, Va. Lin Herkness reports that both his sons are now in business with their dad. Lin has acquired a commodious motor yacht in which he patrols the waters of the Chesapeake. The Thruston Hughes' gave a garden party in early spring for the Ords, Millings, Ted Chase, Ethel Wright and Anne Briscoe. The Gramp Hunters were also guests of honor at the aforementioned Ord party, having come East for the graduation of their son Bob from Annapolis. Bob is being commissioned in the Air Force. Garry and Irene Ord plan to spend this summer in New Mexico and Colorado. Garry, Jr., who is with the Air Force in the Far East, was decorated recently for his work with the air courier service. The R. D. Johnsons are pleasantly occupied with their country home at Falls Church. Jake Devers is busy with the safety program of the AAA and with Civil Defense. Buttsy Hughes is working on Civil Defense in his community while Katherine conducts Army Relief activities. Mother Baehr reports that their daughter Betty has gone to Germany to inspect the young granddaughter, property of Larry and Katherine St. John. Bert Farman's mother died in Chicago April 29 at the age of ninety-six. She had been making her home in that city with one of her daughters. Ethel Matheson has returned to her home in Berkeley after visiting three of her sons—Colonel Jack, an instructor at West Point; Colonel Donald (retired), recently awarded his MA in Fine Arts at the University of Michigan; Lieut. Colonel David, on duty at the Engineer School, Fort Belvoir. The Matheson twins, Bill and Jean, are attending the University of California. It is reported that

Bob and Emmeline Eichelberger have decided to make their home in Asheville, N. C.

—G. L. V. D.

## 1910

It seems as if a number of our classmates have recently been bitten by the travel bug. Walt Dunn and Molly have just returned to their home in New Castle, New Hampshire, after a fine motor trip to the far west visiting Phoenix, New Mexico and the night life of Las Vegas, Nevada; down the coast of California and thence back east. Walt reports that enroute he saw Mike Dawley, Parker Kolloch, Hal Pillans, and Charlie Chapman. Jack Heard and Ella, after spending the winter in Florida, have come north, and on June 13 were to sail for Europe to make a grand tour of practically every country there before returning next November. What a wonderful prospect!

Pappy and Gertrude Selleck have left their home in Alexandria, Va. to spend the summer in Vermont. Their address there will be Branbury Point, Lake Dunmore, Brandon 4, Vt. Pappy's son "Pete" (Clyde A., Jr.) now a First Classman at the Academy was recently given the distinct honor of being named an exchange student to England. He flew there on June 1st and will be gone three or four weeks. We understand that much travel and entertainment await this fortunate young man. Joe and Gladys Leonard have also gone north to be at their summer home in West Winfield (near Utica) until October.

The San Antonio contingent, Joe Taulbee, Guy Chipman, Jerry Moore and Ducky Reinhardt, foregathered at the latter's home in San Antonio on April 11 for dinner in honor of Martin Ray who also has been on an extensive trip out west. It must have been a pleasant occasion. An interesting letter from Hal Pillans tells of the old days in 1912 when he and Dolly Gray lived together at Fort Hancock and how they financed the purchase of a car for \$600. He also spoke of rooming with Allen Edwards when they were cadets and what an entertaining guy the latter was. If anyone knows Allen's address, please notify Snakey Dunlop. Hal has not been in good health but seems to be cheerful withal. We certainly wish for him a swift recovery.

A most refreshing good letter came in from O. G. Hackett the other day. He left us in our plebe year and has been very successful in the Post Office Department. He writes in reply to Snakey's letter that "to

be remembered and treated as a member of the class is an honor that I appreciate. It's nice to make a fellow feel that he belongs".

—R. H. D.

## 1911

Corrections for the pamphlet "1911 Ret." are as follows: Hall, before his retirement had been G-3 of the Army. Clark, R. W. was listed as an "Orchard Grower" whereas it should have been an "Orchid Grower".

The President of the United States has appointed Fleming Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Republic of Costa Rica. He is the first graduate to become an ambassador since Porter, Class of 1860, who was Ambassador to France in 1905. Fleming's appointment is a fitting climax to the career of a distinguished classmate.

Estes' son, Howell, Jr., is Deputy Commander of the Far East Bomber Command operating over Korea and based in Japan.

There have been several members of the Class seriously ill during the past few months. Hall had a serious chest operation but at last accounts was able to be up and around for short periods. Ladd was in Letterman for a few days but showed up at the Reunion at the Point in fine shape. Weaver had a punctured aesophagus but is on the mend now. Fleming has been very ill at Walter Reed along with Richards. Mehaffey met with an accident in Turkey and was required to have some plastic surgery done on his face. He stated in a letter that he was somewhat tired of the old face anyway. Bob Gray and Hicks, G. R., were also reported ill but recuperating slowly.

Beatty has resigned his position with the New York State Department of Commerce and has moved to 820 SW Vista Ave., Portland, Oregon.

1911's Fortieth Reunion at the Point on June 2nd, 3rd and 4th was an outstanding success. The following checked in for the event: Chase, Betcher and wife, Ben Bishopp, Booton and wife, Karl Bradford, Art Conard, Jim Burt and wife, Blunt, Bobby Clark and wife, Jimmy Crawford, Howell Estes, Gus Franke and wife, Fred Gilbreath and wife, Franklin Kemble, Kimball, A. R. and wife, Jesse Ladd and wife, Benny Lockwood, Bill Morris, Heck O'Neill and his brother, Gen. O'Neill, Stanton and his wife, Billy Wyche, Jim Mooney, wife and daughter, Curt Nance and wife, and Pink Hardy. On Sunday, June 3rd, the class had their



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Reunion dinner at the Officer's Club and on Monday evening all had a good time at the cocktail party at the Club after Graduation Parade. On Monday, after the Association of Graduates luncheon, the class held a business meeting. This meeting followed closely the usual pattern of any 1911 meeting—much oratory, some business. In spite of all the speeches, political and otherwise, the spirit of 1911 was dominant and much was accomplished. All members of the Class will be hearing from the Class Secretary very shortly on a few items of business presented at the meeting and to be voted upon by the Class.

Some of the members who returned for the Reunion gave evidences of still being very rugged in their constitutional make-ups. Many remained up until the wee small hours of the morning reminiscing and singing—others even slept on the floor to prove that beds are really not necessary for rest and comfort.

Bill Morris, Benny Lockwood and Jesse Ladd were declared those members who had traveled the greatest distance in attending the Reunion. Benny and Jess came from California, and Bill Morris flew up from Panama.

Official Programs of Events, duly signed by all present at the dinner Sunday evening and conveying sincere wishes for speedy recoveries, were sent to each of the following members, who were reported as being seriously ill: Weaver, Gray, Hall, Richards, Fleming and Hicks, G. R.

Telegrams and letters of regret that they could not be present at the Reunion were received from Cowles, Gray, Baade, Wheeler, Mehaffey, Wall, Beatty, Rader, Hatch, Hoisington, Larned, Kutz, Fleming, and Harding.

The ladies of the Class at the Reunion were included on all the Class parties and in addition were guests of Mrs. Heinlein, Art Conard's daughter, at her quarters on the Post, where a delicious and attractive luncheon was served on Monday, June 4th.

—H. G. S.

## 1912

Class Headquarters has announced the appointment of a class committee (Gatchell, Maxwell and Snow) which will have charge of all arrangements for our 40th Year Reunion at West Point next June. In due course Gatchell, the Chairman of the committee, will mail out questionnaire forms pertaining to the Reunion. A prompt reply to the questionnaire is urged upon all so that the committee may have at hand for planning purposes all the data that it will need to assure accommodations for all female members of the Class Family. Remember that our reunion will be contemporaneous with the big Sesquicentennial celebration at West Point during June Week 1952, an added feature on our Reunion program.

Big news again from Powtomack Farm! Mary, Susan Parker and Edie Spalding announce that with this year's crop of spring lambs the stork also left a very beautiful baby sister (Caroline Livingston Spalding), making a quartette of Spaldingettes. The Class proudly bestows its blessings on its new "Class Baby", and it congratulates the happy parents with a reminder that the Class continues hopeful that Junior's turn will be next on the arrival list.

Among the many congratulations now in order are: Maxwell on his promotion to membership on the board of directors of his American Machine and Foundry Co.; Ike Spalding on his entry into the realm of politics as Councilman of Terrell Hill, San Antone; the Stephen MacGregors on becoming proud grand-parents (Jessie Dale has

a girl, and Harrison a son, Stephen H., III); the Arch Arnolds on the addition of two more grandchildren to their growing fold (Joan has her first—Peter Arnold Hill, and Arch, Jr. has a new daughter, Barbara Treat; the Bird Du Bois' upon the birth of a grandson, born to Major and Mrs. Edmund L. Du Bois at Walter Reed; and Ham Haislip upon his approaching retirement in July for age in the high position as Vice Chief of Staff, with four-star rank.

Caroline Walker has been dividing her time between Ft. Benning, where class son Captain Sam Sims Walker is now stationed, and Belton, Texas, the home of our Johnnie's aged mother whose recovery from the loss of her distinguished son has been very slow. Caroline advises that she now thinks that she will settle in Washington, D. C., where she naturally has many old and devoted friends.

Tubby Barton saw his famous 4th Division, which he commanded with distinction during World War II, undergo final inspection at Ft. Benning in May, on which occasion he presented to the C.O., Eighth Infantry, a German flag captured by the Eighth Infantry at Cherbourg in June 1944.

Chen Chynoweth arrived back in his Berkeley home on May 15th after a most interesting trip to France to attend the wedding of his daughter Frances and Mr. Jean Marie Sauvageot in Paris. Going and coming he saw or talked by phone with a number of classmates: Bennion and Maxwell in New York City; Red Crawford in Louisville; Tom Hayes in Washington; and he almost contacted Henry McLean in Paris, who at the time was in Madrid. Chen says: "I was forced to speak French all of the time; met many fascinating people, and really had the experience of a life time."

Phil Faymonville reports that the Schnitz Schneiders and Bill Wilbur were San Francisco visitors in May. Schnitz and Helen were on a pleasure trip from their home in Miami Beach, Fla., and Bill was on a speaking tour from his home in Chicago. Phil Faymonville is working hard to clean up the list of the few classmates who may have overlooked their obligations to send the Class Treasurer both their annual dues and special contributions to the Class 40 Year Book project.

Dick, Drake, Gatchell, Maxwell and Mooney represented 1912 during June Week.

—W. H. H. and O. J. G.

## 1914

It is our sad duty to report the death of Joe Byron on April 12, 1951. He and Susanne were on a Caribbean cruise and while taking movies in Baranquilla harbor Joe was stricken with a heart attack and died within a few minutes. The deepest sympathy of the Class goes to Susanne and the family. Our sympathy also goes to Fred Herman whose father, Col. Fred J. Herman died May 13, 1951 at Kansas City.

Stanford and Rees will retire June 30, 1951. This leaves on the active list: Bull, Commandant National War College; Milburn, in Korea commanding a Corps; Ward, Historical Division, Dept. of the Army; Bullard, P. C., C.O. Camp McCoy, Wis.; Stuart, P.M.S.&T. Univ. of San Francisco; and Bratton in Tokyo.

New addresses: Glass, Robles del Rio, Calif.; Rees, 320 Ridgemoor St., San Antonio, Tex.; Carruth, P. of Math., Texas Mil. Inst., home 241 Claywell Drive, San Antonio.

Fenn Lewis is back from Paris and is at Bozman, Md. Bruz Waddell advertises a new business with transparent red calling cards which say he is a mill representative (salesman to you) of laces and embroider-

ies, located at 819 Santee St., Los Angeles 14—phone VA 3702—home address unchanged.

—H. Brand.

## 1915

It was a slim reunion that we mounted this year. Randolph, Mike and Mrs. Davis, Stickney, and Gene and May Leone foregathered at the Beukemas on June Week Sunday for luncheon. The guest of honor was a new-fledged second lieutenant, Michael McQuatters Davis, Class of '51. Mike senior did the honors in presenting the class gift and Ike's letter to the neophyte. That evening we all were guests of the Leones at their Central Valley Farm, where warm hospitality and the tops in food and drink provided the ideal basis for reminiscences of the never-to-be-forgotten party of a year ago. Hyde turned up on Monday for Alumni Day activities. Ye Ed can report that all look well, although Stickney is glad that double-time around the plain in overcoats is a matter of history.

Bill Covell is once more celebrating wedded bliss. The Oakland, Cal. Tribune (compliments of Herrick) on April 12 carried the story of Bill's marriage on April 8 to Mrs. Kathleen Fraley Geitner in that city. Herrick provided his usual substantial backing as best man. Among the guests listed were the Lesters, Hearn, Warrens and Melbergs. A few days later the Covells sailed from New York on the Britannic, headed for a year's honeymoon in Europe. Stopping briefly at West Point en route, they were gaily looking forward to seeing the best of the continent at their leisure.

Our top level active list classmates are getting the heat; handing it out, too. Ike's efforts to build the NATO military machine are producing gratifying results, not only in terms of trained men and the tools of war, but in the redevelopment of Western Europe's determination to defend itself against any comer. Brad, having won his fight to make TOP SECRET mean just that in his bout with the Senate's investigators, has been to Paris to confer with Ike, picking up an Oxford degree in the meanwhile. And in Korea, where real action takes the place of heated words, Jim Van Fleet has once again proven his stuff. The lessons learned in Germany and Greece paid off when Jim's veterans stopped the Reds' heaviest drive, then hit back with a counter-offensive reminiscent of the campaigns of 1944 and 1945. From Tokyo comes an unhappy note. Stratmeyer, after eleven months' direction of the air war against the Reds, ran afoul of the doctors, who discovered that Strat's heart won't carry the heavy load any longer, and have ordered him to take a rest.

Among recent visitors in Washington were Aurand, back from Hawaii for a short spell of tdy, and Lev Williams, accompanied by his son—a Navy officer. Hanley also reports that Teter, after a siege at Walter Reed, is once more on his feet and calling on classmates. Hanley adds that his son Dexter, ordained at Woodstock College on June 17, will celebrate his First Mass at Georgetown University a week later.

Bragdon, winding up a detail as Deputy Chief of Engineers, will join the growing ranks of our retired crowd on June 30. And at Fort Bragg, Leonard is moving over from CG, V Corps to CG, XVIII Corps. Sounds like a repaint job on the office door. From Salzburg comes the news that Irwin had a bit of difficulty saying "Raus" to a trio of Russians who had overstayed their welcome by about three years. Perhaps the Reds misunderstood the meaning of Red's nickname.

The latest returnee is Evans, headed for the Pentagon and the Army Personnel

Board after more than 2½ years as head of the U.S. Military Mission in Iran. Vernon and Dorothy dashed up to West Point just too late to share in the June Week fun. They have quite a story to tell (Washington Junta, take note), as ye Ed and Mrs. B. will vouch.

Price comes up with a grist of welcome news notes about our California colony. Here it is:

Hubbard has returned from a prolonged trip to Eastern cities and a visit with his son, Sam Hubbard, U.S.C.C., 1952. After several weeks in the New York state winter climate he is more than ever convinced that California is the place for a retired file.

Watson is C.O. at Fort Lewis, Wash. On a recent trip through California he stopped off at Bakersfield and had a pleasant reunion with Hubbard and Price.

Cousins is a very successful insurance underwriting executive in Los Angeles; scarcely has time to go out for meals.

Hearn and his charming wife, daughter of General Jadwin, (formerly Chief of Engineers) entertained the 1915 delegation to the 1950 Army-Stanford game, at an exceedingly happy buffet supper, the evening before the game.

Waldron is doing a splendid job running a Veterans Hospital in Palo Alto, Cal. He and his charming wife entertained the 1915 men at a buffet supper after the 1950 Army-Stanford game. Doc looks mighty well for a man who suffered a critical wound.

Melberg is one of the youngest looking members of the class. He is sitting pretty in Oakland, Cal. with a lovely wife and three charming daughters. Seems to be good for 36 years more.

Keliher retired on January 1, 1951 and is now helping run the California Civil Defense set-up. Has one of the finest sets of upper and lower plates you ever saw.

Price is president of the Central California West Point Society. He recently cabled MacArthur, 1903, notice of his appointment as *Honorary* President of the Society.

Howell has even less hair than Eisenhower. Hooks has less fuzz on top than a skating rink, but still refuses to wear a toupee.

Covell is about breaking even in a determined struggle to hold the waist line. Otherwise he looks like the same old Billie. (When I saw him a few weeks ago, Bill was losing his Battle of the Bulge.—Ed.)

Tate, Colonel, USA Retired, received a B.S. Degree in Mathematics from the Director of the School of General Studies, Columbia University, on June 7, 1951. He attended the University as a full-time student from January 31, 1949 until August 18,

1950. He felt fortunate and happy to have Ike's signature on his diploma, dated October 25, 1950, prior to Ike's departure for Europe.

The ranks of our living dropped once more on May 31 when cancer of the lungs ended Dogan Arthur's life at Walter Reed, after a siege of several weeks. He was interred at Arlington with full military honors on June 4. Dogan is survived by his wife, Sarah, who lives at Hillsboro, N. C.

—H. B.

## 1916

After two years of planning the 35th Reunion took place in June. It was a complete success. Thirty-eight members of the Class were present for part or all of the Reunion.

They came from far and near. Fourteen states and one territory were represented. Monsarrat came from Hawaii; Styer and Johns from California; Mulsby from Florida; Henderson and Spence from Texas. Besides colonels and generals of various grades we had two bankers—Charlie Haskins and Parker Kuhn; and the church was represented by the Rev. Duke DeCleene; and of course Fat Styer represented the high brass. In addition to those already mentioned, Andrew, Birmingham, Bliss, Britton, Campbell, Coffin, Daly, DeWitt, DuHamel, Fraser, Gallagher, Grant, Jones, Levy, McCullough, Merrell, Miley, Moses, Mumma, Neyland, Prickett, Reinhart, Robb, Ruddell, Scott, Smith, C. C., Swanton, Walsh and Weyand were present for some part of the Reunion.

These notes can only hit the high spots. A special Class bulletin will be issued to give more detail for those who could not be present. The Reunion started at Parker Kuhn's home at Bedford Center, New York, with a garden party, buffet luncheon, and liquid refreshments. The Class and their wives were well represented. We owe Parker and Margaret and their two charming daughters a vote of thanks for the delightful affair. From Parker's everybody went to the Point, and the lights burned long into the night in barracks. Crampton Jones, to whom we owe thanks for the arrangements at West Point, was on hand to greet the Class.

Sunday, after the usual baccalaureate services and the Supe's reception, there was a Class picnic at Bull Pond. Sergeant Delaney, who was chef for the affair, did himself proud with steak, fried potatoes, and salad. Despite a late shower, the arrangements were fine and the Class and their wives thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Monday brought the usual alumni parade, ceremony at Thayer Monument, and review. 1916 found itself unusually close to the head of the line. After that was over, there was the Class picture on the steps of the Library and a presentation ceremony at which Bill Coffin gave each of our four graduating sons—Spence, Guyer, Grant and Weyand—a suitably engraved silver cigarette box. While the men attended the alumni luncheon the ladies had a luncheon of their own in the West Point Officers' Club. Monday afternoon Crampton and Harriot Jones had open house for the Class. We thank them again for all that they did to make us feel at home. Graduation Parade that evening was the same heart-pulling ceremony that it was thirty-five years ago.

Our Class meeting and dinner was held at the West Point Army Mess on Monday night. At the Class dinner it was decided to present silver cigarette boxes similar to those presented to our four Class sons who graduated this year to all our sons who have graduated, since it has been impossible to obtain sabers, and that the practice will be continued for all sons who may graduate in the future. It was also decided that Brig Bliss did not have enough to do to keep him busy, so he was elected Class Secretary.

After the dinner each man present was required to report on his activities during the last five years, or anything of interest to the Class. Brig Bliss stated that he had arranged to send a cablegram to our new Lieutenant General, Bill Hoge, in Korea. Fat Styer and Bob Neyland gave us real food for thought in their comments, but more of this later in the Class Bulletin which will follow soon.

In the middle of the Reunion a cablegram was received from Red O'Hare and Willie Shipp, who were having a reunion of their own in Paris. Bob Whitson had hoped to get to the Reunion, but unseasonable weather put a crimp in his citrus crop. He had to remain in San Antonio to salvage what he could. Maurice Miller has retired in San Antonio and could not get to the Reunion. Tom Finley had definitely expected to be with us, but the date conflicted with the graduation of his son who has received highest honors at his preparatory school in Colorado Springs. Dixie Bonfils and Gus Mangan also regretted inability to attend. Bunny Barrows was recuperating from a major operation. Horace McBride had to remain for the graduation of the Staff College. Worsham could not come because of the serious illness of his wife. Chambers had moved to the West Coast. Tom McDonald's son was returning from Korea. They



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all sent their best to the Class and the Class in turn is only sorry that they could not be there. They missed a good time. We also deeply appreciated the fact that so many of the Class wives attended. We hope that they will be with us at our next Reunion.

The general sentiment in barracks that night was that the Reunion had been the best we have had. Those present had been indoctrinated with the spirit of "The Long Gray Line" and they finally resolved that they would never miss another reunion as long as they lived.

—E. G. B.

## April, 1917

Our 35th Reunion's in '52. Plan now to be there.

A note from Bill Heavey, with his contribution toward the class newsletter fund, states that he had the pleasure, in February, of taking Ray Harrison down the Houston ship channel in their fancy 83-foot inspection boat. Bill has been Port Director at Houston for three years and extends a standing invitation to any and all members of the class to tour the water front there as his guests. Bill's younger son made him a grandfather in January.

At the class luncheon at Fort McNair, Washington, on March 19 the following were present: Morris Barroll, Joe Collins, Bates Compton, Ira Crump, Birdie Eagles, Bill Eley, Clarke Fales, Charlie Gerhardt, Meach Meacham, Burnett Olmsted, Dave Rumbough, Bill Sackville, Harry Schroeder and his son, Harry, USMA '43, Steve Sherrill, Sam Smith, Sterling Wood (now at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas), George Wooley, and Kewp Yuill. Bates, who with Bill Cowgill is on a committee of two arranging details of our 35th reunion at West Point in 1952, reported on progress so far made. Information about the proposed 35 year book will be sent to each classmate in September by Steve Sherrill. A letter to Matt Ridgway in Korea, expressing pride in his inspiring and brilliant leadership of the Eighth Army, was signed by the 18 members of the class at the luncheon and mailed to him. Several classmates, not present when the initial contributions of \$1 or more were made toward the class newsletter fund, added their donations. Wayne Clark could not come at the last minute, because of a conference at Fort Monroe. Wayne's mother, who lives in Washington, honored the class by sending lovely flowers for the table.

A fine letter from Jim Hayden, in Berkeley, California, reports as follows on the West Point dinner held at San Francisco on

March 16: "The gathering itself was great and all had a good get together with good food and drink and a minimum of speeches—just toasts. From the class only three failed to show up. Linc Daniels, whose job at San Jose State College kept him away, Mike Heraty in the hospital, and Pete Kilburn, whose new Civil Defense job kept him away". Present were: Campbell, Halsey, Hayden, Irwin, Martin and Slaughter, who reported Louie Ford has visited him on a recent inspection trip. Dutch Keiser, on a tour of training camps, was also there and looking fine. Dutch had seen Ducky Foltz, his wife and two boys at Palmyra, Pennsylvania, where Ducky is on duty with the National Guard. Spec Irwin said he had seen Jack Code when the latter was in San Francisco for his mother's birthday. Jim says he and Laddie are fine and expect to take a two-week "inspection trip" of their grandchildren in April at Forts Bliss and Knox.

The following information about plans for our 1952 35 year reunion was contained in a recent report from Bill Cowgill and supplements Bates Compton's report at the Washington luncheon. They hope to have a reunion that will surpass any previous one but it will cost a little money. Bates and Bill invite any and all classmates who find it desirable, to stay the night before the reunion with either of them at their homes in Vincentown, New Jersey, and Fairfield, Connecticut, respectively. Quarters have been arranged for the wives to stay at Stanton's Prep School at Cornwall. The main party and dinner will be held Saturday afternoon and evening at a location near West Point. The Class will assemble there early in the afternoon and be together all afternoon and evening, as '15 did last year. The snack bar and tables in the basement of the Officers' Club have been reserved for our Class for the Sunday evening before graduation. A hat, armband or some special insignia will be provided for the class. And, finally, a 35th reunion book with pictures and other information—like a furlough book—will be published, if funds can be provided.

Birdie Eagles has purchased a home in Spring Valley at 4821 Rodman Street, NW, in Washington, D. C., thus joining the increasing number of property owners in that part of the capital. Percy Black, Fred Irving, Steve Sherrill, Whit Whitcomb, and George Wooley already are home owners near-by.

Steve and Dot Sherrill announce the arrival at Washington, April 22, of their first grandson, Stephen H. Sherrill, III, son of Steve, Jr. (Major, USAF, Class of June '43, now in Washington with the Weapons Sys-

(ems Evaluation Group) and his wife, Peggy. Cooper Smith's son, Captain Albert Cowper, Jr., was married in Washington, June 8, to Cary Sibert, daughter of Laura and Eddie Sibert (USMA '18). Cooper and Mary Smith came on from Chicago where he is Deputy CG, 5th Armv. Tupper Cole is now in Thailand, Chief of the Advisory Group there. Percy Black, Jim Hayden, and Bill Cowgill attended June Week exercises at West Point this year. Lewis, W. M. reports that he is moving this summer from Nashville to Southern California, where he will make his home. Two of his children graduated from High School in Nashville before his departure. Henley Frier reports that "In view of critical necessity of utilizing and evaluating U.S. manpower during current emergency—Mary and Henley Frier of April 1917 report one son veteran World War II, one son at USMA, one son active duty US Navy—five sons-in-law—four of whom veterans World War II, one unmarried daughter now undergoing basic training and fifteen grandchildren—making a grand total TO&E of 31 irreconcilable Republicans".

Helen and Bob Ransom will hold their annual class party in the fall this year instead of in June, as has been their custom in previous years. This gathering, at their beautiful old estate some 25 miles from Washington, has come to be the outstanding Class event for classmates and families in the Washington area.

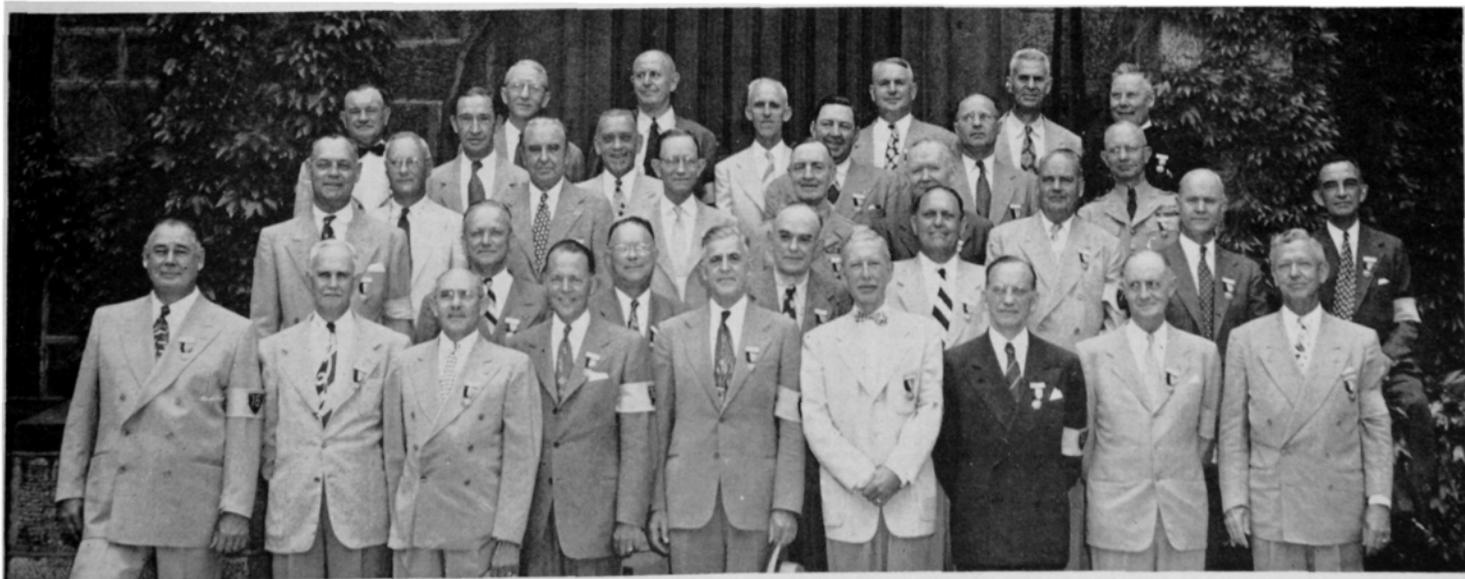
The following is quoted from a recent letter from our former classmate, T. W. Kinneer: "Except for World War I, I have been in highway and bridge construction ever since 1915—culminating my departmental career as Chief Engineer of Construction of the Ohio Department of Highways from 1939 to 1943. We are making tentative plans for attending at least a part of graduation week in June. My youngest daughter is graduating from Ohio State, a music major in pipe organ. I am very anxious for her to have the thrill of hearing the Cadet Chapel organ and meeting Mr. Mayer. I was a member of the Cadet Choir while at West Point and I was interested to learn that Mr. Mayer is still on duty. I plan to write to him in the near future".

Another classmate adds a degree. Henry Schroeder received his Ph.D. at the University of Maryland June 9th. Congratulations, Henry.

—S. H. S.

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The present Washington contingent includes Griffith, Reeder, Wagner, Day, Jones,



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Shaffer, Hasbrouck, Huff, Heavey, Conner, Bellinger, McNeill, Jenna, Sharp, Harding, Purvis, Herbert, and Fye. Pohl is in nearby Leesburg, Heiner at Lexington. Leavey (presently G-4 at SHAPE) has a home at Round Hill, Va.

We always have a sizable quorum of the above at the monthly class luncheon (on the second Thursday) at the Army-Navy Club. Visiting classmates will enjoy the brilliant persiflage and will find it well worth while to adjust their schedule to attend if and when they are in this vicinity.

"Doc" Faust joined us at the May class luncheon, while in town on business. We unwound the red tape in which he was entangled. "Des" O'Keefe was here for a few days, visiting his daughter and family. Rumor has it that "Dad" Riley is going to settle down in nearby rural Virginia. We hope it's true. Eddie House was here a few months back. Gave a good report of his conduct as well as that of his neighbors Hal Barber and Willard Hall in Winter Park, Fla. Phil Day has recently acquired a weekend home in Bluemont, Va., as surcease from our tropical summers. Saw Bob Bacon not long ago. He is a CPA in Brownsville, Texas, and very happy in his new business. Jack Heavey is about to move into his new home in nearby Virginia.

Pete Purvis reports that he and our other two postgraduate students, Jack Heavey and Gus Hoffman, are enthusiastic in their pursuit of knowledge—Pete in law, Jack and Gus in business administration. "Poopie" Griffith has just returned from West Point, visiting son "Poopie" II and grandson "Poopie" III. Horace Harding has taken up residence in Georgetown. Our worthy local corresponding secretary, Herman "U-Boat" Wagner, retires this month and will devote his energies to his apple orchard in West Virginia. However, he is keeping his Washington apartment, and we hope to see him frequently.

The Class has rallied strongly at three enjoyable cocktail parties this spring, given by the Leo Conners, the Dent Sharps, and the Biff Jones. Our dear Lottie Matlack graced these parties as she does all our class functions.

Bill Chapman reports from Pacific Grove that he frequently sees Jack and Julia Bissell and Willie and Inez Wilson. Jack Knight reports from New Orleans that "BJ" Saunders is located there; also that Jack Johnson was there on a visit. Jack Mallory was in town a few weeks ago and gave a good account of his neighbors, Moomau, Knoob, and Kernan. Demuth writes from Corvallis, Oregon, that Bertholet and Anderson, H. G., are in that general vicinity (anything up to 500 miles out there). Henry, a demon trout fisherman, is withholding his vote on the statements in the travel literature. Says he has hooked many fish but that they are either too small to keep or too big to land. However, he is sold on the Oregon summer climate.

Bill Jenna has just recently arrived to take command at Fort Myer. Bill and Bob Hasbrouck both have sons entering the Academy this July. Jack Bellinger is luxuriating in his new home in Bethesda. He is an ardent horticulturist and—per square foot—Vigoro's best customer. I caught him at it. We had to rush indoors to avoid being caught up in the branches of his Weigelia as it swooshed up from the earth. "Narnie" McNeil is living in Silver Spring. He is selling insurance and is enthusiastic about it.

"Mac" McGregor writes from Bradenton, Fla., that his new home is about 85 per cent complete. Says he is near Rossiter Garity, Bill Reinburg, and Joe McGill. In his letter he bemoans the fact that information on classmates, particularly addresses, is not current in the Register. I pass along the request that each member of the class bring up to date the information pertaining to

himself. You may do so by mailing it direct to the West Point Alumni Foundation, 381 Fourth Ave., New York 16.

Joe Cohen reports the arrival of a grandson on March 6; Name, Jay C. Hoge.

I close by reminding the brethren that "Jules" (J. Earl) Schaefer, Vice President, Boeing Airplane Co., Wichita, Kansas, will assemble the next column. I urge you to favor him with news and chatter before August 20.

—"Biff" Jones.

## June, 1918

Tenney Ross was the first to give us the news of the twins who arrived as granddaughters of our class in March—Christine Casey Clay and Kathleen McKeown Clay. Guess who said "Any Clay and/or Casey issue must of necessity make up in quantity what is obviously lacking in quality!" Incidentally, Lucius gave a splendid talk at the May lunch of the West Point Society of New York.

Hab Elliot has been relieved from duty at the Engineer Center, Fort Belvoir, Virginia and assigned to Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee, as R.O.T.C. instructor effective August 1, 1951. Lloyd Mielenz' son, Lloyd, Jr., Class of '50, has recovered from wounds received in Korea and has been assigned to duty at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. Bud Miley's brother, Jack, (Class of 1916) suffered shoulder and chest wounds in Korea on March 28th. Bud is wearing two stars at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Abe Shattuck's son, Amos B., IV, Class of 1946, has been ordered to Army Field Forces Board No. 1 at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, with temporary duty en route at the Artillery School, Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

The fifteen million dollar Greenville Air Force Base has recently been designated as "Donaldson Air Force Base" in honor of "T.Q."'s younger brother, the late Major John O. Donaldson, who was the fourth ranking ace of World War One.

On April 17th a wire from "T.Q." gave us the sorrowful news that Ben Manning had died of a heart attack at St. Mary's Hospital at Tucson, Arizona, that morning. Ben had been studying painting in the Fine Arts College of the University of Arizona. Ben had been retired from the Air Corps in 1944 or 1945 with the rank of Lt. Colonel. He was buried with honors at the cemetery at the Presidio on Monday, April 23rd.

On April 5th Bit Barth wrote from Uijongbu, Korea: "Dear Jack: Thanks for your letter enclosing Han's letter and the class notes. There is a dearth of class news from this part of the world. Squire Foster is in Japan Logistical Command stationed in Kyushu, and Dick McKee is Deputy to G-1 of Far Eastern Command Headquarters in Tokyo. We have been attacking ever since January 25th, and are administering a very thorough indoctrination course to the C C F. Gen. Ridgway's leadership has been superb—he has put a spark into the whole 8th Army and made it hard to beat. Was shocked to hear of the death of Tenney Ross' son. He was serving in our 27th Inf. Wolfhounds and was killed in the rear guard action at Seoul. I didn't know he was in the Division until after his death. Glad you told me that Clarence Townsley's boy was in the 65th Engineers. I looked him up and had a fine visit with him—he looks and even talks just like his dad—even has Clarence's inimitable sense of humor. Best to all the classmates and to G.G." Young Ed Townsley wrote to Elsie and "C.P.": "I have also gone to visit Gen. Barth and have returned victorious in that I made off with some of Mrs. Barth's cookies—which were excellent" Bit, who has written a fascinating history of the activities of the 24th and 25th Divisions in Korea entitled, "Tropic Lightning

and Taro Leaf in Korea", has been relieved from duty with the Far East Command and has been assigned to the Fifth Infantry Division, Indiantown Gap Military Reservation, Pa. effective in June on date to be fixed by Commander in Chief, Far East.

With reference to Bit's manuscript, the sage of San Mateo writes: "How in hell can a guy, right in the middle of a shooting war, find time to keep notes and to write such an opus?" Hans also writes: "While in Washington I reunited briefly with Lucius Clay and Gordon Matthews, the latter up from Florida where he is gypping the State as a water engineer. Typical of Lucius' pace these days, the barboy at the Club had to chase him to the door to catch him to sign the chits for our drinks. A recent note from Pierre Agnew reports that he is enrolling in Stanford University this Spring in search of higher education. I note that symptom only too often these days in those who spent so much effort earlier in life to dodge lower education. As for me, ignorance is a blissful state".

We were sorry to learn of the death of Hal Lewis' mother in Miami in April, two months before the third of her sons and grandsons to graduate from West Point received his diploma. That grandson is John Lewis, son of Hal's brother Llewellyn, Class of 1925, who was killed as a Jap prisoner.

At West Point, last June Week, we saw George Aigeltinger and "Laddie" Bellinger at the annual meeting of the Association of Graduates, where your scribe was re-elected to the Board of Trustees. We missed seeing Lita and Lane Holman who undoubtedly came up for the graduation of Jonathon Lane Holman, Jr. of the Class of 1951.

—J. L. G.

## November, 1918

Five sons graduated this year: Don Carroll's, Jack Hinton's, Howard Peckham's, Tatum's, and Gildart's. You would be glad indeed to have any or all of them in your outfit. The Class presented each with a Life Membership in the Association of Graduates plus subscriptions to *Assembly* and *The Register of Graduates*. Present at the ceremony were, Mrs. Carroll, who brought Don's other son and his wife, the Peckhams, the Gildarts, Jenkins, Fasnacht and Conrad, G. B.; the Tatums and Jack Hinton arriving just in time to avoid being reported absent. General Fenton, the President of the Association of Graduates, accompanied by Mrs. Fenton, was present to welcome the new members into the Association. Howard Peckham made a good concise speech, explaining the occasion and introducing General Fenton, who then presented the Life Memberships.

Also present during June Week were Percy Bannister, Heinie Bergman and Stevens, F. A., with Mrs. Stevens.

Dick Groves had written that he hoped to be present to exhibit his son so that we "could see that the new Groves generation was superior to the old". Unfortunately the calls of duty forced the presence of both old and new elsewhere, so we look forward to the proof of the assertion later.

Charlie Leng is at Downsville, N. Y. (P. O. Box 444) where he has been since 1948, working on a big engineering project—the construction of a new dam to impound more water for New York City's Water Supply System.

Archie Colwell made another of his trips to Europe in May, on defense business. He is working with the British on stepping up their production of aircraft engines. In London, he missed Hugh Waddell, who was away on a trip to Italy.

Fred Pearson writes from Fort Sam Houston that Bev Tucker, Don Sawtelle and he represented the class at the San Antonio Founder's Day Dinner. Bev is raising white

faced cattle near San Angelo. Don is living at Corpus Christi. Tucker reports George Lewis also at Corpus Christi, working at the Naval Aviation Center. Frank Corzelius and his wife have just taken a trip to Guatemala. I hope he gives us a report on his trip and on Sam Walker and Tom Brinkley. Frank lives in Houston. Also in Houston is Dick Wheeler. He will be at the new Armory when it is completed. His present address is 720 Dallas Avenue. In San Antonio are Chadwick (205 Crescent), Knudsen (504 Cleveland Court), Schilling (135 Evans Avenue) and Webster (133 Alexander Hamilton).

Pearson's daughter, Barnard '46, is doing postgraduate work at Michigan and plans to visit Europe this summer with a student tour. He and his wife volunteer to meet any classmate's daughters visiting San Antonio and show them around.

Lawrence Bixby has been around a lot lately—Japan when he established the Jima School Command, Walter Reed, Southern California, and later, San Francisco. He retired in August 1950 to do post graduate study in Sociology at the University of Oregon. He hopes now to do some of the writing that active duty prevented, has mailed out several manuscripts and is waiting for the checks to roll in. "In the meantime" he writes, "I have bought a bit of land and have a garden growing luxuriously in the Oregon moist sunshine". His wife Ruby is writing too; son Peter is a sergeant in the Air Force in Korea, and daughter Nancy is graduating from High School with honors in dramatics.

Hillard has bought a country place just outside Shreveport (Route 2 Box 450), has his latch string out and complains that he never sees any classmates. He tried to get to Camp Polk while Jim Styron was there but could not make it.

Tom Brinkley writes from Guatemala City of seeing Sam Walker in San Salvador and Brig. Gen. "Andy" March, Deputy Commander Caribbean, in Panama. He also reported on Frank Corzelius' visit to Guatemala. As yet, no word from Frank.

John Binder (Binder Bros. Hardware, Barnesboro, Pa.) is going through the heart-break, familiar to almost all parents whose sons want to be soldiers. He writes "my son John is sweating out his re-examinations. I never had such trouble on entering, nor while there. My affliction was the Dept. of Mathematics".

Maj. Gen. "Maude" Muller is leaving Fort Eustis, where he ran an excellent Transportation Corps School, and joining SHAPE, A.P.O. 55, c/o Postmaster New York. The educational show Maude put on at Fort Eustis each summer for the cadets sent there for instruction in transportation has been a model. All officers and cadets who have talked to me about it, not only were astounded at the amount he was able to teach the group by exhibition, example and explanation in such a short period, but were unstinting in praise of his methods of presentation.

Also, Maude is a *Gent*. He sent me an AGO Form 204, giving his new address. He also sent one to the Association of Graduates—God bless him!

There are six sons of the Class in the new First Class: Dana, Gibney, Jenkins, Lewis, J. H., Jr., Stevens, F. A., Jr., and Freeman. As a tentative plan for June Week 1952 it is suggested that all classmates attending graduation and all sons with guests and families, assemble at the Class Tree a half hour before the Superintendent's Reception for the presentation of our class presents to the sons graduating. We have a year now to make and consider suggestions.

Fred Pearson has done yeoman service locating and reporting addresses of classmates who have moved. He suggests that everyone report to me the address of any

classmates they run into. I concur. Please do. It would make a lot of difference to this column and to the Association of Graduates. Also when you change address yourself, please notify me. A post card costs only one cent. AGO Form 204 is free. If you cannot remember my name or address, address cards to the Secretary, Association of Graduates, West Point, N. Y. He will notify me and also notify General Danford for the *Register of Graduates*.

Bill Benton called on the telephone from Washington the other day. He was there for the wedding of a favorite niece. His voice came through clear and strong. His elder son, now a full fledged lawyer has taken over the heavy work in the office in Denver, leaving less fatiguing things to father.

Bull Kendall came back from Austria in April and has been serving as Inspector of Infantry on the staff of the Chief of the Army Field Forces. I couldn't think of a better man for that job but now he has a Corps. On June 9, 1951 he arrived at Camp Atterbury, Indiana, and assumed command of VI Corps.

During the winter of 1920-21, a Mr. Frank Lay found a miniature 1920 class ring in a curio shop in Bad Ems. Old "A. F. in G" members will recall Bad Ems as one of our favorite playground spots that winter. Mr. Lay tried to identify the original owner through Tiffany so that he could return it. However, as it is a very common size and is unmarked, Tiffany could not help. Lay put the ring away and apparently forgot it. Recently it came to his attention again. He has sent it to West Point with the request that it be returned to the original owner if he can be located. The stone appears to be a garnet. The size appears to be eight. Anyone able to help identify the original owner should communicate with me at once.

—Bryan Conrad.

## 1919

Major General Hugh F. T. Hoffman was buried in the cemetery at West Point with full military honors following funeral services in the Old Cadet Chapel on April 24, 1951. Honorary pallbearers included Bill Wyman, Doc Loper, Bobby Gard and Brick Bartlett. Jack Raean was also present as a member of the immediate family party, which included Winny Hoffman and their two sons, Lts. Hugh, Jr. (USMA 1948) and Richard G. (USMA 1950). Hugh's death occurred in Boston on April 19th following an operation. At the time he was Chief of Staff of the Fourth Army.

Tony McAuliffe, formerly Chief of the Chemical Corps, has been designated Assistant Chief of Staff G-1, succeeding Lt. Gen. Brooks. Elton Hammond has gone to Tokyo as Signal Officer for the Far Eastern Command, replacing Brig. Gen. Back, who was returned to Washington to become Chief Signal Officer. Willy Palmer has recently taken the 2nd Armored Division to EUCOM, and Harlan Hartness has moved the 4th Inf. Division to the same destination.

Ben Sheets writes in from his office at the Marine Trust Company in Buffalo a glowing account of a spring trip which he and Ev made to Italy and Trieste. The main purpose of the trip was for them to attend the wedding of their son, Lt. Henry B. Sheets, Jr. (USMA 1949), 351st Inf., Trieste, to Miss Jane W. Forman of Buffalo. Ben's description of Miramar Castle is worth quotes:

"Upon arrival at the station in Trieste, we were invited to cocktails and dinner that evening at Miramar Castle, the home of the Com. Gen. of TRUST, Maj. Gen. Ed Sebree. When we reached the Castle we were given a tour through it. This castle is one of the finest presently in use. It was built by

Arch Duke Maximilian in about 1858—just before his ill-fated expedition to Mexico. It is built on a headland jutting out into the Adriatic and was so designed that the Adriatic can be seen from every room. Most of the furnishings, works of art, paintings, panelling, etc., are the originals, and very beautiful. It now is not only the home of the C.G., but the administrative headquarters of TRUST as well. The Chief of Staff of this command is none other than Jack Whitelaw.

"After the tour of inspection we joined Polly Sebree and Emmy Whitelaw for cocktails in the Sebree apartments. Ed and Jack arrived a little late as they had been in deep conference with the Navy. The Sebree apartments are really something to write home about, and the cocktails and delicious and varied hors d'oeuvres were quite in keeping with the surroundings. Dinner afterwards for the ten of us, including my son and his bride, was as delicious and as beautifully served as I presume it would have been in the days of the Archduke".

Ben adds further complimentary remarks about his host and hostess which lack of space prevents repeating. Emmy Whitelaw expects to make a visit to the U.S. for her daughter's wedding at Ann Arbor, Michigan, in the late summer. Other visitors in Trieste have been Mike and Marjorie Brannon, who made a tour of Europe this spring.

At the time these notes were being written Al Wedemeyer had just completed his testimony before the Senate committees investigating General MacArthur's removal. A letter from Fred Marlow (8600 La Tigera Blvd, Los Angeles) says that Al is scheduled to address a joint meeting of West Point and Annapolis graduates in Los Angeles on June 15, and to receive an honorary degree from the University of Southern California on June 16. Al's requested retirement from active duty has been approved to take effect on July 31.

Tom Waters, PMS&T at the University of California at Berkeley, writes that the following residents of the San Francisco area occupied a table at the Founders Day dinner of the West Point Society of San Francisco: Wedemeyer, Ritchie, Kirby, Armstrong, Whitesides, Hutchins, and Waters. Bill Barton, on a business trip to the Coast, also joined the group. Charlie Wolff is very ill in Letterman General Hospital.

Bill Wyman was awarded on honorary degree by Bowdoin College at its 149th Commencement. Roy Green reports attending a dinner in New Brunswick, N. J. thrown by Tommy Aaron, PMS&T at Rutgers, for Joe Dalbey, who came to Rutgers to inspect Tommy's ROTC unit. Your scribe also visited Rutgers to attend an engineering society meeting this spring, and was much impressed with the fine layout at Tommy's disposal.

Freddie Dodge retired on April 30. He bought a house in Castine, Maine, a podunk famous as the birthplace of your scribe. Roger Evarts, now residing in Rutland, Vt., and employed by the Central Vt. Railroad, recently paid a brief visit to West Point. Pat Echols has returned from Tokyo, and is reputed to be at Walter Reed Hospital.

Kyke Allan writes in from Puerto Pinasco, Paraguay, to ask what, if anything, the class is doing for the West Point Sesquicentennial in 1952. The answer is nothing, since plans so far announced do not call for the participation of individual classes as such. Kyke also inquired as to the financial solvency of the class. My researches in replying to Kyke provided me with the following figures, which may interest others of you. At present I have, as Acting Treasurer (Willy Palmer is the elected Treasurer), \$529.16 in a savings account and \$401.72 in a checking account in the First National Bank of Highland Falls. Our next reunion, our 35th, comes in June 1954 and it would be my inclination to defer any further

action on the use of the class fund until that time. Incidentally Kyke expects to be in this country from October 1951 through January 1952. During that time he can be reached through the International Products Company at 29 Broadway, New York.

June Week 1951 was very sparsely attended by members of the SO class. In fact only Frank Davis, Jack Domminey, and Jim Phillips showed up. Frank is the proud father of a baby daughter. Jim came all the way from Athens, Greece, to see his two sons, Charles D. and James H., Jr., graduated with the Class of 1951. The only other class son to be graduated in 1951 was R. E. Olson.

Bill and Janice Regan recently spent a Saturday on the post. Bill says that George Horowitz is now living in Manhattan Village, the new apartments on the upper East side of New York, and that George's son, Captain James A. Horowitz (USMA 1945) was married last month to Miss Altermus of Philadelphia.

On an April trip to Washington your scribe and his wife spent a weekend with Bob Hill and his sister Gladys at Bob's new home in Richmond, Va. (6501 Boatwright Drive). The Hill residence is a charming place, and Bob is enjoying his new job in the insurance business. While in Washington we spent a night with Doc and Opie Loper at Quarters 28, Fort Myer, Va. Doc is now Chief of the Armed Forces Special Weapons Project. Opie had just returned from a visit with her son and daughter-in-law, Lt. and Mrs. Thomas C. Loper (USMA 1950), in Puerto Rico.

—B. W. B.

## 1920

June Week having just passed, mention of '20 classmates who were present and the events with which members of the class were associated seems to merit first priority. In addition to those regularly assigned at West Point, namely Bill Bessell, Charlie West, Larry Schick, Ted Gillette, Red Blaik, Bill Crist, the following visitors were in attendance: Lyman Lemnitzer, Don Leehey, Eddie Gilbert, Dick Partridge and our president, John McNulty.

On the day of the Alumni Parade, Frances Schick entertained the class ladies at a delicious luncheon while the men attended the Association of Graduates luncheon in Washington Hall. On the evening following the Superintendent's reception, Bill and Margaret Crist staged an "at-home" and lovely supper for all classmates on the post and their wives.

The annual presentation of sabers to graduating sons of members of the Class of 1920 was held at the Class Tree on Monday morning, June 4, immediately following the Alumni Review. Sabers were presented this year to Donald J. Leehey, Jr. and William L. Lemnitzer. The presentation speech was made by our Class President, John McNulty, while the actual presentation in each case was made by the father to his son. The event was attended by all classmates and their wives and children who were on the post.

On Thursday, June 7, at 12 o'clock, the wedding of Donald J. Leehey, Jr., to Sara Aileen Britten, of Glenwood Gardens, Yonkers, New York, was solemnized in the Cadet Catholic Chapel. The ceremony was followed by a beautiful reception in the West Point Army Mess.

At the presentation of the military and academic awards to cadets for outstanding qualifications in academic work at the parade on the Plain, Sunday, June 3, 1951, Cadet William L. Lemnitzer, First Class, was the recipient of the life membership in the National Geographic Association presented in the name of the national organiza-

tion of the American Legion for the highest rating in Chemistry. Cadet Lemnitzer also received the binoculars presented in the name of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States for the highest rating in Physics, and the camera presented in the name of the Armed Forces Communications Association for the highest rating in Electricity.

Cadet Edgar A. Gilbert, III, received the Association of Graduates award of a \$50.00 Series E Bond for the cadet outstanding in Military Efficiency and Leadership in the Second Class for 1951.

News items of general interest to the class which have appeared from time to time since the last publication of these notes are as follows: On May 7, 1951, your former scribe for this column, Leland S. Smith, visited West Point to officiate as Master of Ceremonies at the Third All-Army Coaches Conference. Leland stayed with Charlie and Harty West while on the post.

On December 23, 1950, the Army Navy Air Force Journal noted the retirement upon his own application of Wayne S. Moore as Colonel, CE.

A note from Loper B. Lowry dated May 10, 1951, told of the opening of the new agency quarters of the Gulf Life Insurance Company in Tampa, Florida. Loper, founder and head of this agency, has been associated continuously with Gulf Life since 1923. Among life insurance honors he has held are: Past President, Tampa Life Underwriters Association; First President, Florida State Life Underwriters Association; First President, Florida Chapter of the American Society of Chartered Life Underwriters. Loper, at present, is Vice President of the American Society of Chartered Life Underwriters, representing the Southern States and the District of Columbia.

Another letter from Florida signed by Helen Harriman, wife of our Joe, tells of their retired life at Franklin Manor, Sarasota. Joe is doing well selling real estate, opened a branch office on the 26th of April, and otherwise takes a leading part in Sarasota activities.

Wilburn Lunn writes from Shreveport, Louisiana, that his oldest son, 1st Lt. Stuart D. Lunn, Inf Res, and wife Betsy, are stationed in Washington, D. C., and his middle son, 2nd Lt. Wilburn V. Lunn, Jr., FA Res, is stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas. Lunn says that he is still in the active reserve, although he devotes the major portion of his time to the practice of law. He mentioned visits to his home by Millard Pierson and Carl Duffner, who are on duty with the Louisiana National Guard, and also by Charles Holle, who is the U. S. District Engineer stationed in New Orleans.

Speaking of District Engineers, B. L. Robinson, formerly Division Engineer, Atlanta, Georgia, has recently been appointed one of the Engineer Commissioners of the District of Columbia.

Joe Langevin assumed the duties as Chief of Staff at Fort Ord, California, in May. Joe was formerly Deputy Commander of the California Base.

Crump Garvin, who was Commanding General of the Pusan Base Port Command in Korea, returned to the United States in April to be Commanding General of the 301st Logistical Command at Camp Rucker, Alabama. Crump was formerly Commanding General of the 2nd Logistical Command in Pusan and commander of the Pusan Base Command. It was while serving in this post that he was made a Major General in February 1951. Recent Department of the Army General Order No. 18, April 4, 1951, awarded Crump the 1st Oak Leaf Cluster to his Distinguished Service Medal.

The entire class will be saddened by the announcement of the death at Charleston, Illinois, March 12, 1951, of Courtney P. Young, Colonel, USA, Retired, and on the 20th of the same month the death of 1st Lt.

Theodore Temple Knappen, CE, Resd. Ted Knappen was buried at West Point. The following classmates were honorary pallbearers: Brig. Gen. James H. Stratton, USA Ret.; Colonel Bernard L. Robinson, CE; Colonel Donald J. Leehey, USA Ret.; Colonel James B. Cullum, AUS.

On the 21st of March 1951, graveside committal services for the late Master Sergeant Alexander Perwein, USA Retired, father of our classmate, Lt. Col. A. H. Perwein, USA Retired, were held in the Post Cemetery at West Point.

Brig. Gen. Fred L. Hayden was recently transferred from Fort Lewis, Washington, to be Commanding General of the 39th AAA Brigade, Fort Bliss, Texas.

C. D. (B-Food) Pearson writes from New York that he recently visited Paris and London on a business trip, and had lunch in Paris with Terry Tully, Deputy to Duke Lanahan, Chief Signal Officer, SHAPE. Tully reported that Rex Corput was still on duty in Germany as Brigadier General and Signal Officer, USFET. Pearson later visited London where he had dinner with Red and Julia Lynch and their attractive daughter. He said he spent an extremely pleasant evening with the Lynch family in their apartment in Eaton Mansions, Sloan Square, London. John Lynch is on duty there with the Joint Advisory Military Assistants Group, but expects an early transfer to Headquarters, 7th Army, Germany.

The detachment of U. S. Army troops recently airlifted from Newfoundland to Reykjavik, Iceland, as part of the North Atlantic Treaty Defenses, is commanded by none other than our Brig. Gen. Edward J. McGaw. On landing, Eddie told the people of Iceland in part: "We are here by mutual agreement of our two governments to work with you, carrying out our joint obligations under the North Atlantic Treaty Organization to preserve the peace and security of Iceland and the North Atlantic area".

Lyman Lemnitzer is commanding the 11th Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. Lyman is in the pink of physical condition, proudly displaying his Parachute Qualification Badge among his many other decorations. His Division, "The Angels", is reported in a fine state of training and fully capable of furthering the distinguished combat record which it established in the campaigns on Leyte and Luzon in 1944-45.

Fred Harris announces from Washington that attendances at the monthly class luncheons in the Pentagon have dropped off sharply. All classmates are reminded of these monthly affairs which ordinarily are held on the 3rd Thursday in each month in the General's Lounge, Corridor 10, 3rd floor, Pentagon.

In February, word came from Aurora, Illinois, announcing the death of Sidney Ginsberg, our classmate, who resigned his commission and returned to civilian life shortly after graduation. A month later came the announcement that Sidney had left a \$300,000.00 estate, half of which he willed to our classmate, Air Force Brig. Gen. J. V. Dillon, of 2427 Fort Scott Drive, Arlington, Va. Your scribe has not seen Joe since this bequest but it is understood that Gen. Dillon has accepted his good fortune in characteristic happy and off-hand fashion.

—E. C. G., Jr.

## 1921 and 1922

Another June Week has gone by and this time it added two more sons of Orioles to the Long Gray Line. Peyton Cook went into the Air Force and Harry Lombard to the Corps of Engineers. Our class, as represented by the Orioles on hand, presented to each of them a silver plate, suitably inscribed, as a token of our pride in their accomplishments.

In the Alumni parade—and just about centered this year—were Cook, Crandell, Johnson, R. H., Klein, Kyle, Lombard and Spalding, plus the local contingent of Smith, P. M., Greene, Branham and Barrett. Bill Kyle had to leave right after that formation but Rumaggi arrived during the afternoon. Bill got back the next day for graduation. All the wives were here too, and so were Mr. and Mrs. Burns, who never miss.

All were saddened at the parade by hearing, from an unofficial source, of the death of Jimmie Whelan in El Paso on Memorial Day.

Big topic of conversation was our 30th reunion coming up next year. There will be a letter about that in September but meanwhile mark the Decoration Day weekend on your next year's calendar.

A letter from Numa Watson, Assistant Division Commander of the 24th Inf Div in Korea, would seem to indicate that he's a busy man. He was out somewhere on his job when Max Taylor visited that Division, and again when Pat Strong, Eighth Army Engineer, did so. Numa did see Mudgett, Eighth Army G-3, and had taken him out to see the troops and to get an idea of the terrain in the Division's zone.

Wes Yale, Fifth Army G-3, dropped in at West Point over the Easter weekend. Max Taylor was here for General Moore's funeral but returned to Washington right afterward.

When the President of France was at West Point in April Barrett was designated interpreter, which made it an Oriole-to-Auriol affair.

Toy Gregory considered coming for June Week this year but, since it's quite a jaunt here from Las Vegas, he decided to save up for the big gathering in 1952.

Just a few gleanings from orders: Bob Douglas has taken command of the 18th Air Force, which includes all troop carrier units in the US. Corp Hisgen is comptroller at Fort Ord. Selby Little has gone from New York to the 5th Armored Division at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas.

Paste this in your hat: BE SEEING YOU IN '52.  
—C. J. B.

## 1923

The following members of the Class were at West Point for June Week: Buckley, Harrold, Keyes, Love, McLean, Bill Morton, O'Reilly, Schlatter, Deke Stone, Reber and Vandenberg. This was the first time in many years that Louis Vauthier was unable to attend. As we mentioned in a previous issue, he is in ill health. Those present expressed regret at his absence and hoped that his condition would improve.

One of the pleasant features of the Association of Graduates Luncheon was the presence at our table of class sons, John H. Craigie, David M. Schlatter, Jr., and Hoyt S. Vandenberg, Jr., who graduated this June. Other graduating sons were: Thomas U. Harrold, Louis J. Storck, Robert D. Vincent, Cecil W. Nist, Jr., and Richard P. McLean. Craigie received the Class of '23 Swimming Trophy for the outstanding swimmer in the graduating class—a happy coincidence for us. He also received his second Navy Star to the Major Sports A in swimming. Not content with these honors, he expects to start the fiscal year by getting married on June 30th. And speaking of weddings, Mike Buckley's daughter is to be married on June 23rd.

I assume that you have all received the class address list and bulletin from Tredennick and the Washington Committee, so I won't repeat the information contained in it. The Class held luncheons in Washington in March, April and May. A formal, mixed party is scheduled for the evening of June 23rd at Ft. Lesley J. McNair. The following have attended the luncheons previously

mentioned: Salsman, Seebach, Skinner, Tredennick, Fowler, Carnes, Edwards, Webber, Serig, D'Espinosa, Magruder, Hugh Johnson, Carraway, O'Reilly, Reber, Joe Greene, Dwyer, Heavey, Towle, Caswell (ex-'23), Thompson, Moody, Harrison, Skinner, Howard, Carter, Albrecht, Adams, Bing, Mahoney, Haskell, Milton, Gruver, and Joe Smith.

Rex Chandler was here in April from San Antonio with a detail of the 4th Army to attend Hugh Hoffman's funeral. Frank Dodd was along, representing General Lutes. Rex reported the McEldowneys had been having a tough time with illness in the family. He also said that Tom Lewis (B.G.) was going to Bliss for a refresher course in guided missiles. He has been named Corps Artillery Officer of a new corps being organized in Wisconsin. His wife Lucy had recently had hard luck, having fallen and broken her hip.

The following information is from an unidentified source at Wright-Patterson AFB—we think Jim Early. The poop sheet came to the Association of Graduates without signature or other identification of sender:

"During March and April of 1951 I had the pleasure of visiting Air Force depots in the Far East and in the European Theater. During the visit to the Far East, I was accompanied by Dave Schlatter, who is now Commanding General of the Air Force Research and Development Command. . . . We spent several days with Bill Craigie in Tokyo where he is Chief of Staff, Far East Air Forces. . . . In traveling to Europe, Magruder was on the same flight to Heidelberg for a Department of the Army conference. Al Crawford is A-4 of the Allied and U.S. Air Force, which is presently located in Wiesbaden. Jim Hicks was en route to France to establish a new depot in support of AF activities. . . . I saw Bob Oliver at Burtonwood, England, where he commands the Air Force Depot; and in North Africa, I spent a day with Bill Hardy, who is busily engaged in charge of AF activities in the vicinity of Casablanca". Lew Marshall is in command of the PIO School at Ft. Slocum.

Frenchy Grombach continues to get around. He sent an air mail picture post card from Stockholm, dated May 31st, saying, "Had a '23 meeting in Stockholm where I fenced in the World's Epee Championship. Present: Larry Barroll and yours truly. Am here as consultant to Olympic Committee for next year's games"

Lloyd Shepard, of Vincennes, Indiana, phoned from New York to say that he was visiting friends in Queens.

Dorothy (Mrs. Dean S.) Ellertorpe writes from Ellenville, N. Y., "Our son, Stanley Vernon, is now a First Lieutenant currently serving in the 64th AAA in Japan (the same in which his father served at Ft. Shafter in Hawaii). He has recently been assigned as Assistant Battalion S-3. His wife and baby daughter, Carolyn, will soon be coming to make an extended visit with us. Our younger son, Don, graduated from Fishburne Military Academy in Waynesboro, Virginia, on May 27th. He is planning for an Army career via West Point, if possible, like his dad and brother. I spent the winter in Daytona Beach with my mother and at present am Librarian in the Children's Department of our Public Library".

We are happy to learn that Hugh C. Johnson is now fully recovered and back to duty in the Pentagon.  
—W. J. Morton.

## 1924

This column is charged (fully charged but not with martinis as of this moment) with the responsibility (grave it is) of keeping you informed of the whereabouts, well being, and important trivia of the members of the Thundering Herd. Now we ask you:—how the heck can we, sitting in our editorial ivory tower, fulfill our weighty respon-

sibility unless you Bulls of the Herd furnish us with the dope on yourselves and our classmates you may know about? Come on bulls—give!!! Send the info to P. O. Box 371, Benjamin Franklin Station, Washington, D. C.

C. R. Griffin reports son C. R. Griffin, Jr., 2nd Lt. USAF, (USNA 1950) now on duty at Williams AFB, Phoenix, Arizona. Jim Looome advises us that he resides at Arlington, California, further that he greatly enjoys *Assembly* and news of classmates.

Les Skinner, on duty with the Air Forces' new Armament Test Division at Eglin AFB, has requested return to retired status. He has been awarded the C. N. Heckman Medal of the American Rocket Society for designs of weapons which may someday turn up. His son George B. is a 2nd Lt. in the Engineers in school at Belvoir. H. A. Malin and G. E. Elliot recently visited John Stewart, who has been named to the post of Sports Commissioner of Palo Alto, Calif. Excerpts from Van Way's letter reveal that on a recent field trip with students of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces he saw Russell Moses and family. Moses is retired and living near Southern Methodist University. Also, Pat Dugan, Recruiting Officer for the 4th Army Area, is living at the Southern Hotel in Dallas. Van further informs us that George Van W. Pope is PIO for the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, while he himself heads up the Manpower Branch of Instruction in the same school. Duval will return from Wurtzburg Military Post (European Command) at the end of July for duty with the AGO at the Pentagon. Bragan has returned from the same Post for duty with Civilian Components in Calif.

Lowell M. Limpus writes in the following: "May I make use of your columns to deny a rumor, which is beginning to cause me considerable embarrassment. It seems to have originated around Washington and is resulting in numerous letters and phone calls, expressing a sympathy for which I am grateful but can't use. I sincerely hope that my reputation for veracity is solid enough that my classmates will be willing to take my word for the fact that there isn't one iota of truth in the story. Furthermore I can produce witnesses to prove that it is unfounded and my witnesses are all men of good repute. I'm sure none of them would perjure themselves in my behalf. Please believe me, then, when I assure you that the report of my demise during late May was, if not in Mark Twain's phrase 'greatly exaggerated' then at least a trifle premature—a trifle of about thirty years, I hope"

Recent word from Tokyo indicates that Stebbins, Lenzner and Ives are doing a good job in that area. Eddie White informs us that there was no annual dinner in Tokyo this year but that on March 17th he mingled with 65 grads at Fort De Russy, near Wai-kiki. George Duerr and Shorty Keeley were the only other members of the Herd present. Eddie also reports that he often visits with Red Mead, Strother, Garges, D. D. Martin and "Ganorski" Griffin.

A. T. Leonard has been named assistant plans and training officer for the recently reactivated XV Corps at Camp Polk, La. Leonard H. Rodieck, Col. USAF, is now Deputy United States Air Force Representative, United States Delegation, United Nations Military Staff Committee. He is assigned to Joint Chiefs of Staff, his duty station is with the office of Ambassador Warren R. Austin, Chief of the U.S. Mission to United Nations, 2 Park Avenue, New York City.

Many Herdsmen have forwarded checks covering dues, but included no word of their activities or of general interest; however, Doper Wells is one of few exceptions. He reports that the Herd is still notably represented in the Canal Zone. Hash Vogel is Lt. Governor. Doc Eaton is on the staff of the Caribbean Command. Bob McBride is G-3

and Russ Mable is G-2 of USARCARIB. Sandy Goodman commands the 65th AAA Group, Weinaug is Petroleum Officer of the Caribbean Command, and "Doper" himself commands the Pacific Sector.

Bill Lloyd, now at Granada Hills, California, reports that he got caught in the critical materials bind so has had to stop, redesign and start anew to meet present conditions in the production of his air conditioning unit.

On Israel's Independence Day, three years after the State of Israel was born, the head of the young government traveled to a quiet green plot on the west bank of the Hudson and laid a wreath of flowers—white and blue, the colors of Israel—on the grave of Col. David (Mickey) Marcus of Brooklyn. Marcus trained and led the troops which defended Jerusalem in Israel's war for independence—and was killed by a stray bullet three years ago, a few days after that independence had actually been won. David Ben-Gurion, white-haired, vigorous Prime Minister of Israel, acknowledged Israel's debt to the Brooklyn colonel in this way: On the green sod of the West Point cemetery he laid the wreath—in the form of a six-pointed Star of David—at the base of a white stone slab carved with the name "MARCUS". Rabbi Sidney S. Tedesche of Brooklyn's Union Temple—of which Mickey Marcus had been a member—read a brief service in Hebrew. Drums sounded and a bugler played Taps. Soldiers in the small crowd snapped to attention. Ben-Gurion carefully placed his black hat on his head, an Orthodox Jewish ritual, and in grave, solemn words he said, "Mickey was a great and brave soldier" and "a great American", and he also said, "If Jerusalem was saved, it was due to his great skill and leadership". Mickey's death, he declared, was a great loss and "he will live forever in the hearts of the Jewish people".

All classmates visiting the Pentagon are enjoined to plan their visits whenever possible so as to attend the class luncheon held at 12:30 noon the first Wednesday of each month.

—"Ray" Raymond.

## 1925

June Week for us was considerably less exciting than last year. Only a handful

showed up and conducted themselves with becoming decorum. The table at the Alumni Luncheon was occupied by the three local residents, Alspach, Nicholas, Esposito, plus Barnes, Denson, Dunaway, Hopkins and Hamaty. Johnny Haskell and Charlie Saltzman were seen about during the week. Mrs. Lewis was up to see young John graduate. Diz Barnes' boy Danny also graduated.

A phone call from Wallie Strange announcing, believe it or not, that he is working as an Engineer out in the Middle West. Ray Barton called while I was out and we played hide-and-seek for two days trying to get together—never did.

I have been spending most of my time since the beginning of March working at the Pentagon and see a hope of shaking loose soon. Had occasion to run down to Fort Monroe and spent the night with Russ Finn, who remains the youngest looking member of the Class. Russ is G-1, AFF. Ran into Harry Spillinger in the Pentagon corridors and finally pried out his address. It is Patrick Air Force Base, Cocoa, Florida. Spilly is in the Comptroller business with the Air Force.

A long note from Walt Bryte from Wiesbaden. He was packing for return to the States after three years abroad. Should be back by now, but I do not know what his new station will be. Walt reports an interesting trip to see the tulips in Holland and plans to stop off in England, while en route home, to see the Festival of Britain; further reports Mike DeArmond's arrival and assignment to Hdqrs. USAFE, and Joe Denniston as A-4, Twelfth Air Force, Rogers Gardner retired in Europe last winter and now one of the top civilian executives in the European Exchange Service at Nuremberg. He saw Daddy Dunn and family at St. Moritz last February, and six classmates at Heidelberg for the West Point Dinner last March.

A note from Charlie Caldwell reports a bit of pump trouble last Fall, two months hospitalization and retirement February 28 last. Charlie was with Lit Roberts and Bill Ritchie at Fitzsimons Gen. Hosp. in Denver for a while and reports Lit and Bill mending nicely. He is taking it easy at 510 Lucerne, Davis Islands, Tampa, Florida.

Ralph Tibbetts reports that he is now representing the Armed Forces Life Insurance Co. of San Antonio at Fort Benning,

Ga. Probably expects a long term assignment as he is building a house outside Benning. He sees Lou Riggins occasionally who is CO of 22d Infantry, and Claude Burbach, who is C/S 4th Div.

Johnnie, E. L. is en route to his new assignment as DC/S Sixth Army. Reports Godwin Ordway as recently back from Korea and now with PIO, D/A, Pentagon; Joe McMahan, retired in 1926 and back in the Army in WW. II, now Chief of Public Welfare for State of Tennessee. Joe is a member of the Tennessee Bar (legal) and was recently in Washington on business. Johnnie says his boy Douglas and young Ed Garbisch, Jr. were classmate graduates recently of The Hill School, Pennsylvania, and that both proud mammas and papas were present. Also says Andy Barlow is reported to be Executive for the C.G., Vienna (Austria) Military Post.

Our Washington contingent has let me down on news for the past two issues and I am grateful to those who wrote in, else we would have had very little in this column. Closing date for news for the next issue is September 10 so try to find a few minutes before then to write a note. We cannot publish your notes verbatim because of space limitations, but I promise to extract your gems of wisdom for publication.

—V. J. E.

## 1926

From National War College: Heiser to SHAPE Staff, Paris; Stanton to G-4, DOA, The Pentagon. From Industrial College: Baird to Standing Group, NATO, The Pentagon; Deyo to Army Comptroller, The Pentagon.

Brusher became sick before the end of the National War College course, but is now recovering nicely in Ward 3, Bolling Field.

Recent Washington visitors: Ross (Bobby) going from Little Rock, Ark., to Asmara, Eritrea, where he will command a radio installation; Gross, en route back to Boston, on business; Murphy, from Austria, for Special Service conference, Pentagon, after which he returned to Wels, Austria, where he will be Post Commander, Linz and Wels; Roomsma, en route to PM conference, Camp Gordon, Georgia, and then to return to



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Top Row (left to right)—Johnson, C. F. H., Baird, Hawthorne, Griffing, Stanton, Matthias, VanHorne, Wheaton, Booth, Molloy.  
 Second Row—Nourse, Burns, MacDonough, Heiberg, Gaffney, Watson, White, Maude, Plummer, Foehl, Osborne.  
 Third Row—Kammerer, Munson, E. L., Mayo, Sims, Barney, Strickler, Nelson, Feather, Van Meter, Canham.  
 Bottom Row—Smith, C. R., Broadhurst, Johnson, A. H., Peck, Ankenbrandt, Kane, Tausch.

Europe, where he is Provost Marshal, Seventh Army, Germany; Sims, from Oak Ridge Labs, Tennessee, in The Pentagon on business; Walker, after quite a siege at Walter Reed Hospital, returned to the Embassy in Rome during April, to resume his duties with the American Battle Monuments Commission.

Recent changes in assignments: Watson to Hdqrs III Corps, Camp Roberts, Cal.; McDaniel to Office Joint Chiefs of Staff, The Pentagon; Ehr Gott to Wolters AF Base, Texas; McNaughton to Vice Commander, Air Training Command, Scott AF Base, Ill.; Johnson (Leon) to Commander of the Third Air Force, under Hdqrs, US Air Forces in Europe, under SHAPE; Purcell to Hq and Hq Sq., ATRC, Scott AF Base, Ill.; Forde (Hal) to Language School, Monterey, Cal., for eventual duty in the office of the MA, Paris; Laidlaw to Hdqrs Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.

DeShazo, who has been lighting up (with searchlights) Korea, like "Coney Island", is now reported to be Artillery Commander of 2nd Div Arty, and is also reported to be coming home in June on rotation. Bowen hit the headlines again, when his 187th RCT pulled off the largest paradrop of the Korean War near Munsan in March. Doyle recently received the Croix de Guerre with Palm, for services rendered during WW II.

Van Horne, on his recent International Relief Organization trip in Europe, saw or talked with Canham at Bremerhaven, and Roosma, Silverman and Thurston at Heidelberg.

The 25th Reunion is a thing of the past and about fifty of the Class returned to West Point to look each other over and tell one another how fine they looked and that they hadn't changed a bit since Graduation. The truth of the matter is shown in the picture accompanying this article. There is no question but what the group and their wives were a very distinguished gathering, and many remarks from outsiders expressed admiration.

The program was carried on without change and everyone had a very enjoyable time. John Harvey Kane made his usual learned talks, and at one moment in the proceedings all remained silent for one minute in honor of those of the Class who had passed on.

On Monday, at the Alumni Luncheon, those sons of the Class who were graduating (Canham, Baird and Herte) were presented with table lighters by our Class President. It was an impressive ceremony and one which left no doubt in the minds of the new 2nd lieutenants of the seriousness of their new duties.

In addition to the group shown in the photograph the following were on hand: Col-

lins, Corderman, Grizzard, Gross, Herte, Kirchhoff, Pearson, Reeder and Ross, H. We were also fortunate in having Marge Conzelman and Doris Jones Salisbury with us.

Although the 50th Reunion appears to be a long time off now, it will be on us before we know it. Let us all hope that all who were here for this one plus those who couldn't make West Point for the 25th will be able to gather and make it a 100% turnout.

We cannot give enough credit to Vald Heiberg for the fine job he did in producing the Silver Anniversary booklet. It was an outstanding job and is deserving of hearty thanks from everyone.

This is the last writing for this column by your West Point correspondent, Bob Nourse. Please send future dope to Harry Storke in Washington as usual or to Vald Heiberg at West Point.

—H. P. S. and R. S. N.

1928

Well our 23rd June Week has come and gone. It was very quiet for '28—only the two of us living here were present.

A letter from Leavenworth signed Deniston, Adams and Fritsche came just too late to make the last issue but we are grateful for the news—Sugar Staley was visiting for the week-end and is living in Mexico, Missouri. Drop in when in the vicinity—he offers horses, hunting and fishing (in person) as well as Staley hospitality. Paul, Carl and Denny will be moving to Carlisle Barracks with the College in July.

Paul Johnson is with the 1st Armored Division at Fort Hood, Texas—Chief of Staff, and says "This feels like coming home, having spent four years with the Division 1941-1945". Tom Wells writes from 5th Infantry Division, Indiantown Gap, Pa. that Tom Moran has just arrived there on PCS from Meade. He is Commanding the 11th Inf. Regt.

An item in the N.Y. papers dated April 14 told us that Skippy Harbord was about to be Deputy C.G. at Sampson Air Force Base, Sampson, N. Y. One of the local papers here on June 8 had a picture of Brig. Gen. George F. Smith and an article telling that he has been appointed Deputy for Operations at Hq. Eastern Air Defense Force, Stewart Air Force Base.

From our Washington scribe we have the following:—Felix Yost has been on a recent trip to Europe and the Near East. He visited with Ted Landon and Bob Tate in Ger-

many. Hank Everest has gone to Japan and Korea in charge of Tactical Air. Frank Trent recently returned from Korea for duty in Washington. Dave Traub leaves Washington for a new assignment this summer. Tom Cody has returned from Korea to Washington. While in Korea he was the Signal Officer for the I Corps.

Classmates ordered to the NWC 1951-1952 course are:—Ralph Butchers, Paul Gavan, W. E. Porter, W. D. Smith, and M. C. Walter. Those who have been attending NWC and their new assignments:—Breckinridge, FEC, Tokyo; Coverdale, G-2, Washington, D. C.; Finnegan, SHAPE, France; Flemming, OCAFF, Ft. Monroe; Oakes, OC/S D Army, Washington; Upham with NATO, Washington. Those going to ICAF for the 1951-1952 course are R. W. Goldsmith and E. C. Reber. McLemore is leaving ICAF and going to OCAFF, Ft. Monroe; S. R. Browning and E. M. Hauseman to OC Transportation, Washington, D. C. from ICAF.

E. M. Markham, 3d is the first son of '28 to graduate at USMA. Congratulations.

This seems to be all for this time. Thanks for all the news you've sent us and please keep up the good work.

—P. D. C.

1929

With the passing of the twenty-second anniversary of the embarkation of our class upon the troubled currents of adult life's stream it seems appropriate to review these statistics of the class as of that date:

On active duty .....	192
Retired .....	41
In 'civil life .....	20
Deceased .....	46

Total graduated ..... 299

The June Week just concluded witnessed visits by Ariel Cooper, Robert George Henry Meyer, and John Nesbitt. We were delighted to learn from them that Bill Maulsby is recovering from a long and serious illness which has confined him to Walter Reed for many months.

John Nesbitt related the plans of the Washington group to honor Jupe Lindsey on the occasion of his departure for duty overseas. A silver cigarette box inscribed with the facsimile signatures of the Washington group was to be presented to Jupe as a token of their appreciation for the superb job he has done as co-ordinator, instigator and general handy-man of many class activities in the



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Washington area during the past three years. We at West Point are well aware of the fine work Jupe has done and join in wishing him the best in his new assignment.

While John Nesbitt was giving us the foregoing details we were just able to worm out of him the fact that his boy Willy won a presidential appointment and will enter with the class of 1955 in July, as will Al Viney's son.

In his final batch of news from the Washington area, Jupe reported that as of March 2 Bill Hanlin was a grandfather which, he believes, is the first instance of this sort of thing in the class. However, we have heard that Louie Bell has a similar claim.

New arrivals in Washington include Bob Chandler from EUCOM to JAG Army, Paul Harkins from USMA to G-3 Army, Pearl Robey to Air Force DDC, Pinky Wetzel from FECOM to D/CS for AF Personnel, and Rollo Pierce (retired) who is temporarily located at 2606 Garfield Drive, NW.

Recent departures from the Washington area included Dutch Kraus to EUCOM, Rabbit McClelland to Iran, Rand Kutz to Carlisle Barracks and Clarence Renshaw to NE New York Engineer District, 61 Broadway, New York City.

Charlie Arnett sent us a report on the wedding of his daughter last April. Classmates attending the ceremony included Ladd, Strauss and Kirkpatrick. Charlie announces his impending move to Florence, Alabama, where he is building a home on Palisade Drive. All members of the class are invited to drop in whenever they are in this vicinity. Included in this invitation is Weary Wilson.

From Lefty Mace and Dutch Kraus come the following items concerning members in EUCOM: Partin is S-3 Seventh Army Artillery; Kraus an executive officer in the same Hq; Horridge is Ordnance Officer of the Army while Jim Quill, recently a G-2 there-of, is enroute to the US; Chan Robbins commands a Constabulary regiment; Merle Thompson is a student at the French War College; Jeff Seitz commands a regiment of the 1st Division; Stan Jones and Bill Thompson are in Seventh Army Hq, in JA and G-4, respectively.

Abe Lincoln, recently returned from a visit to the Naval War College, reports having seen Gus Herndon, Larry Guyer and Bruce Rindlaub there. All send their regards to the class.

As noted above, Paul Harkins, having completed his tour as Commandant of Cadets, has left these parts for a new assignment in G-3 in the Pentagon. His departure reduces the class contingent at USMA to Lincoln and Phillips with Freddy Smith lurking at near-

by Stewart Air Force Base. Help is in sight, however. Phil Draper, who didn't know when he was well off, is enroute from London to take up the duties of Graduate Manager of Athletics at West Point. He will soon be fumbling for the answer to the question—why we sit closer to the goal line each year.

Many thanks to all who sent in news. Keep it coming, please. Deadline for next issue is September 1. - J. D. F. P.

### 1930

Atkinson writes that Kumpe was host to the following at the Kansas Relays on April 21: The Allens, Ammermans, Atkinsons, Boyds, Ewbanks, Harris', (Al), Roys, Stuarts, and Watsons (Al). Kumpe is PMS&T at Kansas University, Lawrence, Kansas.

Weber and Eastburn have departed, Fritz to Jackson, and Charley to Hood, leaving your reporter the sole survivor at USMA. Heaven send the situation changes before the '55 reunion! (The Class of '81 held their 70th this June, with a quorum of two. Shattering thought to those of us who survived the 20th.)

Dice, at Stewart, and McFarland, at Kingston, signified their intention of coming down for June Week but failed to check in. Haskell and the undersigned were left to front for the class. Joe's father, General Bill was attending his 50th. With Joe's son, just becoming a Yearling, and his nephew, it made quite a representation of Haskells.

Letter has also come in from Mitchell, now comfortably ensconced at Amador.

"On our trip down we had a day stop at Puerto Rico. About half an hour after we were due back at the boat, we were still riding around Ft. Brooke. We noticed what appeared to be a small pink palace with the name on the door Col. M. E. Townes. Being already late and still a half hour drive from the boat, I didn't dash in to say hello. As I learned later, that was o.k. because Townes and family were then vacationing in Panama and were returning on our boat on its return trip. In other words, so far I haven't seen Mort.

"The only other member of '30 here is Perc Brown in the G-4 Section. All I can report on him is that he may be a good G-4, but he's a damn poor radio mechanic. At least the nite duty officers' radio was working before Percy took it apart.

"Wright, A. M., is retired and living in Panama City. He did not appear at the West

Point banquet and I have not seen him. The phone book lists his address as: Calle 46 Este 18, Panama City, Panama.

"Recent official communications say that O'Neill Kane will join the Military Mission at Ecuador. When I hear he has arrived I will drop him a note.

"Though not under this command, I understand Chris Clark is in Buenos Aires with the Military Attache. I doubt if we will be able to get together.

"Your poop-sheet said Dick Hutchinson was going to Guatemala. When he does, if you can get his address for me, I'll drop him a note. Being a fly boy he should have plenty of opportunities to visit here.

"That is about all I can tell you about '30 at this writing.

"We had a pleasant trip down here, are living in comfortable quarters close to the office, and I inherited an efficient office staffed with agreeable people. What more can you ask? I'm more than happy. The kids have made new friends and are on the go all the time, but still claim to miss their Va. home and friends."

That's it for this time. —Emery.

### 1931

#### REUNION

We have returned to visit once again Our starting point of twenty years ago. Cadets in grey and white contrast our plain Civilian garb or uniform. And though We critically appraise the place for change The Plain has never looked more green, The Corps Exceeds comparisons we each exchange. West Point appears more lovely than before.

We warm to talk and clasp of friendly hands. We fill the cup and wish the others could Review the strength we know the fight demands And judging this our birthright find it good.

We should come back more often, leaving then Far better soldiers and far better men. —Tyler.

Twenty years ago today little did I realize I would be writing about the twentieth reunion. Well I guess "all things come to him who waits"—so I shall mark June 11 by doing what I believe will be my last column. Scottie Dickson returns soon to active duty and a job here with the Department of MT&G. It then remains for me to sell him a bill of goods. I am sure those of



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you who read the column will be glad to have a new outlook and certainly more interesting columns. Now back to June Week and those who were here.

Chester Ott from the west coast and Dan Callahan from England came the farthest; Dickson from upstate New York; Jack Gordon and Jimmie Stroker from Texas; Lash and wife and two daughters; Sam Smellow; Klem Boyd and wife; Brown, E. A., from Omaha, even though the Big Blue was in flood; Leo Cather, Coolidge, Corbett, students at Leavenworth; Damberg and wife; Dick Danek; Warren Hoover; Howard; Amby Hughes and wife; Irvine; Isbell and wife; Johnston; Lawson; Don Little; Moses and son; Ted Parker; Passarella and wife; Raymond and wife; Jake Smart; C. C. Smith, who engineered the Leavenworth group; Tipton; Troxel; Tyler too, but no Tippecanoe; P. O. Ward; Bob Cardell; Dick Lane; Bill Jones and wife from Wheeling; Chet and Imogene Young; Dick Steinbach; Stiness and wife; Gus Heiss; The Guenthers; Pat Coyle; Flaherty and wife; Hercz; Howze; Warren and wife less twins; Hunter; Bill Morin; Henry; Muenter; Bob Eaton; Curt Herrick; Polly Humber's son Peter, just graduating from Deerfield Academy; Krueger and wife—they were all here. There may have been others whom I missed—if so I assure you it is entirely unintentional. I don't believe Lash missed them however because he did a fine job as secretary-treasurer in barracks even though he got little sleep—but he did collect!

The 27th Division was turned over to the class—three "Old Grads" to some rooms and four to others. It was right next to the last division containing cadets. What took place I cannot report as I was busy in other parts of the world trying to do a job as well as join in the reunion. But interesting things did transpire. Ask those who were here! I appreciate the many letters received letting me know your plans. They certainly helped in our planning here.

Great credit and sincere appreciation goes to Deak Roller from all of us—both here at the reunion and elsewhere throughout the world for his film of our class. He has taken and put together in a very masterful way six reels of shots of our class. Although some of the actors are a bit camera shy and strictly amateur in their antics I believe the film has real value (and the actors too) and should go, when completed, into the archives of West Point or a time capsule. Points of it have definite historical value. Deak sent the films to us and we showed them at the Round Pond party. They were the highlight of it. In addition to the many and varied barracks parties there was a

dinner dance at Bear Mountain Inn, parties for the wives by the local class members and the Alumni Luncheon in the Mess Hall. An effort was made to get Amby Hughes to re-dedicate the Class Tree but he had forgotten his speech and could not repeat it.

Incidentally, I learned that Howard Reed and Bill Skidmore hope to have sons in the Class of 1955. No others came to light. Several are out seeking appointments for the next year or two.

Now for what news I have. Ted Timberlake has received his second star, I am pleased to report. Geo. Spedel has left Fort Bragg for Fort Sill; Buchwald was last heard of at Fort Lewis; Sid Brown is at Fort Monroe; Dick Reidy had orders to Fort Meade; Krueger, O. C., Bill Davis, and Buck, go to the Industrial College and Ernie Easterbrook and Cook to the National War College.

From Korea came word by Dick Harrison that he is a G-1. Also there, are Ayers in transportation and Glenn Farris, a G-3. Bays has a civil affairs job, and Messinger is a regimental commander. Bill Dick, Train, Wirak, Cheal, Workizer are there too—along with Roy Kaufman.

Herb Mansfield, in Japan, writes that '31 had a reunion dinner in March. Peters, Berry, Hampton, Hannah, Greer, and Harrison were there. Marnane, Chappell, Adams, and Cassidy came to Tokyo from Yokohama for it.

Eniwetok claims Earle Cook and Hiddleston. Oahu is inhabited by Leary and populated by Dishman with 6 children and Curley Wilson with 7—so I am told by one of my correspondents. Can anyone beat this?

Dutch Spangler reports from Teheran that it's really rugged. Judge Hauck is deputy director of Legislative Liaison in Washington. At Fort Meade are Cooper, McGowen, Brown, J. M. and Bill Isbell—in addition to Passarella and Dick Reidy, who I understand won a DSC in Korea.

You missed a good reunion I believe—and I hope to see you at the twenty-fifth—if not sooner. Good luck to you in your new jobs if you are moving and I hope you will keep Dickson well supplied with news.

—John K. Waters.

## 1934

Another June Week has come and gone, bringing reunion classes and various other "spare parts" back to USMA. According to advance dope, no member of '34 intended

to venture back, but time eventually brought out a few hardy returnees. First of all, Perry Griffith arrived in a B-17 from New Mexico and was here from Friday, June first, until Sunday morning. He got a big kick out of his first June Week since 1934, and gives it as his fixed opinion that the cadets and femmes of 1951 look just like the ones of '34! Don and Thelma Durfee drove up from Fort Dix, where Don has a battalion of the 9th Division. They were able to stay for most of the June Week activities and got a chance to get in a visit with the local inhabitants of the class. They were both looking well, and Don seems to be enjoying his job. On Monday, the day of the Alumni Exercises, Bill Mullen and Pete Kopcsak, both of the G-3 Section of First Army, drove up from Governors Island for the day, getting in on the Alumni Luncheon and having a look at Graduation Parade that evening.

Harry Hillyard is under orders to West Point, where he will take over the job of Assistant Commandant of Cadets sometime in August. He relieves Johnny Waters, who has just stepped up into the Commandant's job. Bob and Sis MacDonnell are due to move on from USMA this summer, much to the regret of the "gang" here. Bob hadn't yet received his orders at the time this was written, but indications are that he will become a schoolboy.

John Kromer, who now has a parish in Meriden, Connecticut, came over on Sunday, May 12th, to bring his group of some 20 acolytes for a visit to West Point, as a reward for their faithful service during the year. The boys had a big time of it, watching the Saturday review and then the usual athletic contests. John now has a few prospective recruits there! Cy Betts was also a recent visitor to West Point, coming up on May 10 to take part in a composite lecture given to the First Class. We got together for a bull session and were able to extract from Cy some good information on some of the members of the Washington contingent. Which brings us to Tom Crystal and his latest publication, a letter addressed to the "Rabblette" of '34. Tom apparently feels he can accomplish more by appealing to the feminine side of the class. Anyway, the main news in the letter was the announcement of a class picnic at McCrary's place in Arlington. Tom also indicated the following locations for some of our members who have recently been transferred or were not previously "pinned down": Hal Browning, G-3 Division, Washington; Charlie Fell, SHAPE, Paris; Bill Rogers, Andrews AFB, with MATS; Charlie White at Corps headquarters, Fort Meade, after a little "breaking-in" in Korea. Tom himself spent the month of



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April traveling around Europe and North Africa.

Hal Edson wrote a long letter from Salt Lake City on May 30. He is S-3 of the Utah Military District, with headquarters at Fort Douglas. Hal spent a couple of rugged months in Korea last fall, in the course of which his regiment was the first to cross the 38th parallel, "going north" (Quotes are Hal's). Some time later a full colonel returned to take over the regiment, and Hal, along with a few other "spare part" field officers, returned to the U.S. Given his choice of station, Hal naturally picked Salt Lake City, since that is where Faith and the children had settled on his departure. Since his assignment there, Hal has become a big wheel in the Kiwanis Club and he and Faith have been enjoying the community life in general. Hal reported that when he was in Korea, Jim Snee was a division G-3 and Ferdy Tate a division engineer. On his way back, passing through Tokyo, Hal saw Ed Rusteberg, who was stationed there, Bill Tank who was out that way on a visit, and had dinner with Dud and Tommy Wilmeth, old residents. Edson's address: 1750 East 13th South Street, Salt Lake City 5, Utah.

Jack Seaman wrote, toward the end of May, that he and Bob Tyson were heading for EUCOM this summer. The remainder of the Fort Leavenworth group is to split up as follows: Up Williams to Monroe; Johnnie Darrah to Washington; Herb Andrae to Carlisle with the AWC. Whitey Manlove and Dick Weber stay at Leavenworth with the C&GSC faculty, where they will soon be joined by Frank Caulfield, recently of London. On May 20 Pop and Helen Womack, complete with four daughters and a Guatemalan maid, dropped in at Leavenworth for a surprise visit. Jack was so worn down from their bull session that he neglected to say where Pop was heading.

Dale Huber wrote at the end of April, enclosing a photo clipped from the April 30 issue of *Life*, showing General Ridgway and staff. Prominent in the group is Frank W. ("Willie") Moorman. This has probably been picked up by many of you in the meantime. A fairly recent issue of the *Army-Navy-Air Force Register* shows "Ace" Bolland as retired for physical disability on May 31 of this year. Ken Kenerick was ordered to West Point during the spring, but

his orders were later revoked. Charlie Elliott and Bill Penn, both of whom have been at Bliss with the Kenericks, have both been ordered to the Staff and Faculty of the Artillery School there. Bill Stone, on completing the course of the National War College, is to go to AF Headquarters in Europe. Ron Martin has been ordered from Edgewood Arsenal to EUCOM, Willie Voehl from Albuquerque to Austria, Hank Neilson from Washington to ROTC duty in Little Rock, and Merle DeGuire from Washington to Watervliet Arsenal. John Cary is reported as being in Wiesbaden, and Bob Warren is apparently a newcomer in the Washington group. Charlie Hill has been ordered from Fort McPherson to Washington.

Here's where we run out of names and places. If you are offended because your name doesn't appear here, write us a note about it!

—W. J. R.

### 1936

Our over-the-hump celebration (Fifteenth Reunion, to you Engineers) was a huge success in the opinion of the resident members and judging from the comments of the non-residents who were able to attend. We were quite disappointed that more of you could not be with us. However, we feel sure that you all are interested in knowing who was here and what occurred during the 1951 June Week. The picture taken at the Class Picnic on Sunday evening, June 3rd, will bring you up to date on the appearance of those of us who were lucky enough to be present. (See cut.)

The seventeen non-residents, some with dependents, struggled in from Friday until Monday. Dud Hartman and his Housing Committee did an excellent job of preparing living quarters for dependents at Camp Buckner. Those who stayed there were quite pleased with their accommodations, including the kids who felt they were camping out. Edgar Thompson and his Entertainment Committee did a fine piece of work in arranging for the parties. Our first affair was a cocktail buffet at the Officers' Club on Saturday evening, June 2nd. On Sunday

afternoon, after the awards review, we journeyed to Camp Buckner for a Class Picnic and the picture referred to was taken at that time. Immediately after the picture was taken (and, thank goodness, after we had finished eating), it started to rain so we moved indoors and showed movies of the Academy, continuing our party 'til the wee hours on Monday.

On Monday, the guys attended the Alumni Exercises and Luncheon in the Cadet Mess. The dolls had their luncheon at the Officers' Club at the same time and put one over on us in that they had cocktails included! That night we traveled again to Camp Buckner where we had our dinner dance in the pavilion on the banks of Lake Popolopen. It rained again that night, as it most always does when the Class of '36 is in the field, and the Class of '41, who were having a picnic joined us for the dance in the pavilion. This was a welcome assist in that they helped pay for the orchestra and prevented the Class of '36 from going into the hole on the Reunion. For the information of the nickel squeezers, we made expenses and were not forced to tap the Class funds for the Reunion celebration.

We certainly appreciate the fact that Rudy and Betty Gans had the foresight to reserve the pavilion at Camp Buckner a year in advance for, as you know, things get awfully crowded at USMA during June Week. Our best to Betty and Rudy who are now located at 109 West Brookside, Colorado Springs, Colorado, where Rudy is busy activating a battalion.

We are also very grateful to Ed Wallnau, our friend who is now at the Picadilly Hotel, for his assistance (which was volunteered and gratis) in checking people in and collecting the cold cash to cover expenses.

Colonel and Mrs. Heavey, parents of Dutch Hartman, and my mother, Mrs. Beard, as well as several of the '36 children, attended one or more of our parties.

We are convinced that these five-year reunions are a good idea and we think that the planning should start now for our twentieth. In fact, Westy made several suggestions regarding such planning to include giving yours truly the authority, with the permission of the rest of you, to designate a representative in the areas which have a large contingent of our class. This repre-



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Standing in back: Karl Schwering; Dan McElheny; Ben Whipple; Colonel Heavey and Mrs. Heavey (parents of Dutch Hartman); Dave Hiester; Willie Sievers; Tiger Janof; Rip Landry; Barbara Landry; Westy Westmore; Marcelle Janof; Henry Katz; Eleanor Jones; Cecil Spann; Rachel Thompson; Suitcase Thompson; Van Sutherland; Whitey Hess; Red Holton; Mac McCormick; Ed Wallnau (friend of the Class of '36); Jim Billy Leer; Ken Madsen; Johnnie "Prussian" Heintges; Granny Gunn; and Billy Sievers. Seated on benches: Elisabeth Katz; Jan Schwering; Ellie Sutherland; Dutch Hartman; Polly Holton; Nonnie Heintges; Ginny Spann; Doris Hiester; Larry Sievers; Mimi Whipple; Fran McElheny; and Mary Workun. Seated in front: Betty Jane Schwering; Marge Hartman; Dud Hartman; Willy Jones, holding Amelia Jones; Marilyn Jones; Brice Jones; Eleanor Jones; Puffy Chaffin, holding Sharon Sievers; Larry Ellert; Mickey Mikkelson. (Freddy Bothwell, Josh Finkel and Tet Tetley were not present when picture was made).

representative will be charged with the responsibility of furnishing information for the *Assembly* column and of building up the class esprit at all times to the same degree as when we actually get together. This would certainly be a great help. Had I carried out my threat included in the last *Assembly* there would be no column this time because you guys and dolls sent me absolutely no information.

Kerk Kerkering was at the Academy last month to give information on the assignment of cadets and officers in the Engineer Corps and visited his classmates while here. Larry Ellert, who is handling the class problems in Washington, informs us that there was a class party at Fort Belvoir on the 9th. Although we have no report, we are sure that this was a success with our large representation in the Washington area.

Fran McElheny informs me that Freddie Gaston made the New York papers recently for having been best man at a wedding in Sussex, England—this gang just can't get away from a preacher when it comes to matrimonial affairs! She also reports that Mr. and Mrs. Walter Fickes, parents of Bill Fickes, were here during June Week; that she has received letters from the Howard Snyders in Heidelberg and from Jane Kinard at Leavenworth, with the following information: the Snyders were planning a visit with Howie's father at SHAPE Headquarters; Bill Kinard is to be assigned to Washington, Gordie Holterman to Europe, Maxie Kallman to the Far East, Bob Curran to Washington, Whitey Grove to Bragg, and Eddie Dunn to Fort Knox.

I was happy to hear that Helen Nazzaro and Marion Mucci are recovering after recent illnesses. Jack Daly, who has been on the mend at Letterman General Hospital from wounds received in Korea, is to join the Military Psychology and Leadership Department here in the near future.

While in New York City for the Armed Forces Day celebration last month, I ran into Bill Meany on his way to Paris for assignment.

Mike Michaelis had his day in his hometown recently when Armed Forces Day in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, was declared "Michaelis Day". Mike is presently on a speaking tour and upon its completion, it is understood, will join SHAPE Headquarters in Versailles.

I can't help but give credit to Hank Lind, for he is the only one who furnished information on the class along with returning the last card sent out on the reunion plans. He said that, as "Career Manager", he predicts as follows: Dave Edwards to Europe or AFSC; Bill Haneke and Westy Westmoreland to follow the War College to Carlisle Barracks; Bill Prince already departed for Sandia Base; and that he (Hank) would remain for the staff and faculty C&GSC.

A little assistance, such as that given by Hank, would be worth a million to yours truly, if same were sent me in advance of the next deadline date—September 10th.

As for the rest of you Joes, most of your comments on the cards were "Sorry I can't make it", "Please send info", etc. How in h— do you expect me to write a column with such damn information?

—Jim Billy.

## 1937

The annual game of musical chairs has started again, and by combing the orders I find the following shifts being made this summer: Fred Ressegieu from Norfolk to St. Louis as District Engineer (Fred is the First District Engineer from our class, and the youngest officer assigned to such a job); Coy Curtis and Frank Norvell from Norfolk to Washington; George Simmons from New

York to Baltimore Signal Depot; Max Tinchler, Luis Mercado, Howard Smalley and Bill Dodds, have all left Leavenworth; Max to Hqs. Fifth Army in Chicago, Luis to Fort Sill, Howard to G-1 Section in Washington, and Bill to Washington; Chuck Harrison, George McDowell, and Whitey Mauldin are all headed to the Industrial College, which is a feather in the cap of old '37; Eric Dougan and Ulricson are going to the Air War College at Maxwell Field; and Bill Chase has left the Detroit Tank Arsenal and has been appointed the PMS&T at Dartmouth, to start a new ROTC unit. Bill and Ann dropped by to see the Spauldings en route to their new station in May.

The home group is beginning to disintegrate; only two classmates have been ordered here this year, Bob Palmer, recently returned from Tokyo, and Bob Besson, who has been convalescing from a wound received in Korea. Jean Palmer and the children are already here, and the Besson family is due to arrive soon. Leaving here this year are: the Oberbeck's, going to Sandia Base, New Mexico; the Connelly's, going to the Erie Ordnance Depot, near Toledo, Ohio; the Clark's to Frankford Arsenal, Philadelphia; George Murray and Chief Evans to an unknown destination in the Far East, without families; and us, the Hallock's, to the Engineer District at Fort Worth, Texas. Joe Focht is junketing in Switzerland this summer, brushing up on his German, but he'll be here for another year. The Class of '37 had a picnic on Constitution Island in June and included the classes of 1960-1970. Needless to say, the small fry far outnumbered us, and a grand time was had.

June Week was not too exciting this year, but wait until next year! Only Williams, retired and teaching at Sullivan's, Phil Brant, and Paul Cullen were back for our fourteenth. Paul made his annual excursion up here in the Sperry yacht "Wanderer" and took us all for a ride.

The biggest news out of the Far East is that Randy Hines and Pop Metz are out of the Far East; they came back to attend a course at Sandia Base, and Randy has been assigned to the staff and faculty at Fort Leavenworth. Roy Lutes is returning from Japan to attend the Army War College. Betty Spengler reports that Hank is in Yokohama, and recently attended an affair in Tokyo, where he saw the Van Volkenburgh's, Marty Green's, Carl Lyons, and Tom Neier. Betty is sweating it out near Berkeley, California. With Hank in the Japan Logistical Command are Jack Van Vliet and Walt Debill. Dave Nye is Executive Officer of the 138th AAA Group in Japan, Leigh Fairbanks is Engineer of the X Corps, and Clark Hyzer is Engineer of the 24th Division in Korea. Stu O'Malley has been appointed Chief of Staff of the 25th Division; congratulations, Stu. Also in line for congratulations are Jim Barko and Baker Steely, upped to full colonels, and Curt Low, who recently received the Legion of Merit.

Buddy Hines was the best correspondent this spring, and gave the poop on a number of classmates. The Washington contingent had a cocktail buffet supper at the Army-Navy Club in May, attended by the following: Danny Russell, Gulick, Calverly, Abercrombie, Wilhoyt, Whitesell, Teeter, George, Scot Hall, Marr (now back in Washington in the office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army), Norvell, Drum, Brett, McDowell, Byroade, Dougan, Duncan, Hobbs, Hodges, Hoska, Magoffin, Mitchell, McElroy, Dave Parker, Powers, Prentiss, Robbins, A. B., Salientes, Seedlock, Williams, and Buddy Hines. At a class luncheon on May 9 a surprise visitor was Eph Graham, back from Germany on a quick trip. Bill McDonald is out in Singapore in the Air Liaison Office of the American Consulate General. Sollohub has left Washington and is now at Mitchel Field. Buddy reminded me that in the April issue

I omitted Travis and Ingmire from the list of those attending the Armed Forces Staff College at Norfolk. Buddy also reports that Frazier has been on an active duty tour with the AGO in Washington, but has returned to Indiana to pursue his present occupation of raising tomatoes and making catsup. Here's a plug for Frazier's catsup; you'll find it on your commissary shelf. Harvey Dorney and Jimmy Parker are out at Biggs Air Force Base, El Paso. Fred Clarke is head of the Engineering Division of the District Engineer's office on Okinawa. Isabel and the children have joined Fred out there.

In the new arrival department, we have the Stan Smiths with their fifth child, Steven, who arrived on Christmas Day. Stan sends an invitation to all '37-ers to drop in and see him when passing through New London. He is still at the Coast Guard Academy. The Rumphs announce the arrival of their third, Joann Claire Rumph, born here on Mother's Day; George B. Leist, the first son of the Leists, but third child, arrived this spring; and Pony and Joyce Scherrer added a big boy to their family over in Augsburg, Germany.

At the Alumni Luncheon June Week, Ed Spaulding was elected class representative for the coming year, and Joe Focht was named treasurer for a second year by acclaim. Since Joe is the only Air Force classmate here, his patch pockets make him the logical choice for keeper of the class fund. Send all your poop to Ed Spaulding next year; orders, promotions, vital statistics, etc., because your classmates enjoy reading about it. Thanks for all the help this past year.

—Hal Hallock.

## 1938

Another June Week has come and gone, and there are two important June Weeks coming up in the next two years—important to the Point and to the Class.

Next year, of course, is the Sesquicentennial of the U.S.M.A., and 1953 will be our 15th. You will doubtless hear much about the Sesquicentennial, and all of us, wherever stationed, should help inform the American people of the role the Point has played in the past and must continue to play in the future. Start laying your plans now for your part in 1952, and for our 15th in 1953.

From Norfolk (AFSC) Bob Demitz reports that Welby Beverley, Dallas Haynes, and George Rhyne are going to school there. Georgianne Blake writes that Charlie is in GHQFEC in Tokyo, and Ken Wickham, who was at Ft. Ord, California, has gone to the A.G. School at Ft. Benjamin Harrison.

From Washington, a letter from Bat Baterson. Recent additions to families there—number six (a boy) for the Patricks (now tied with the Durbins), and a girl for the Russells. Bob Kasper is displacing up the Potomac from Belvoir to Washington, and G. O'Connor from Leavenworth to Washington. Ed Bailey is expected to report in to Washington from France in July. Swede Swenson has been hospitalized at Walter Reed, but is due to be transferred to Fitzsimons in Denver. A few random bits fix Bill Stand and Sturdivant at Maxwell AFB (Air University), and Jim Craig at Heidelberg.

From Ft. Sill, Jim Taylor tells us that Long, Hayes, and Bud Mearns are there. John Corley is back from Korea with a further extension of his distinguished war record, and is scheduled for Hq. AFF at Monroe.

For news of West Point: Bill Sussmann, Matt Altenhofen, Ben Sternberg, and Gus Guletsky are departing, and Jacunski is coming back for duty in M.T.&G. (Drawing Dept. to you). Bill is going overseas and

Mona and the children will be in Washington with her mother. Matt is going to C&GSC, and Ben to Washington. The Glaces were the only June Week visitors. We combined with the Class of '39 for a barbecue dinner at Round Pond. The Machens had a baby girl in celebration of June Week—Doris and the baby (and Ed) are fine.

Bert Harrison stopped overnight awhile back—he has a Group at Rapid City, South Dakota. I believe Kopsak is hospitalized at Hot Springs, Arkansas. Jannarone apparently likes sunn~ California and is going from Cal. Tech. to duty with the South Pacific Division (USED). Bill Watson is at Camp Polk, Louisiana—I believe he has an armored battalion, although we haven't heard from him recently—he and Sue (and Robin) are living in Alexandria, Louisiana. I think Bosch is either PMS&T or going to school in Iowa.

As you will note, there were mighty slim pickin's for this issue. As soon as summer changes of station have settled you down, drop Amick a line—deadline for next issue September 10.

—Bisby.

## 1939

June Week activities for '39 went off in great style except that very few classmates other than those stationed here were able to participate. The Sailor Byrnes threw a bang-up cocktail party for classmates which was a lot of fun. A joint '38-'39 picnic at Round Pond organized by Learman and Marlin was a big success in spite of a little rain. "Grover Whalen" Tatum did yeoman work all week on the Alumni Committee. After the Alumni Ceremonies, we had two tables at the luncheon and discussed (when we were not being interrupted by Sailor's demands for seconds) how well we are all holding up as "middle age" begins to set in.

Megica, Kail and Dickerson write us interesting letters from the Far East. Megica is with the Ordnance Section of Eighth Army and Kail is a regimental executive. Dickerson is a divisional G-3 Air. Brockman is also around. Bill Boyle was an RCT Liaison Officer to Eighth Army and was rotated Stateside in May. Mount and McCaffrey (who has just gotten back his eagles) are admirably commanding regiments. Mildren is a Corps G-3 and Wohlfiel has a F.A. battalion. Phil Davidson is in GHQ-FEC. St. Clair, "Task Force" Dolvin, Teeters, Matter, Pete Clifford (who has gathered numerous decorations) are also doing interesting things out there. Ned Glenn is attached to G-2 Section of Eighth Army. Keller, E. P. Smith, Froiano, and Huey Long are also in the FEC. C. B. Smith, who is now Stateside at Ft. Monroe, has received the Legion of Merit for his work in Korea. Ed Smith has been back in the States on temporary duty at an A.E. School.

Winter and Ewell are doing a fine job keeping us informed of our classmates in EUCOM. Thanks a lot and keep up the good work. Ewell is Executive Officer, US Commander, Berlin. Winter is Assistant Secretary of the General Staff, Heidelberg. Also in Heidelberg are Tuttle, Chapla, Dillard and Bradley—all doing important things. Fritz Fredericks is a recent arrival there. Lew Cantrell is in the States on TDY but will return to Heidelberg. Lerette and Fuzzy Harrison are in Berlin. Art Allen has a battalion of the 14th Cavalry and J. B. Maxwell one of the 6th. Freddie Boye is in the 2nd Constabulary Brigade. Al Robinette is mothering liaison planes in Stuttgart. Bob Richardson is in Bonn and Zethren is in Paris. Jap Wilson is in Frankfurt as Deputy Chief of the Army Security Agency. Andy Goodpaster is with SHAPE. Charlie

Florence was recently appointed G-4 of Frankfurt Military Post.

Banks writes from the Long Range Proving Ground in Florida that he and Hal Crawford are on the staff there. On his way back from Chile where he was on the U.S. Mission, Banks saw Mial and Rippert basking in the Canal Zone sun. Virginia Gay Banks arrived in April to keep her brother Danny company.

News from the San Francisco area received from Wolfe, who is now working with the Naval Radiological Defense laboratory, tells us of the expected arrival of a second child. We also hear that Bobo McCutcheon is in the OCE and that their second child has arrived. Dave and Joan Matheson are at Belvoir engaging in theatrics in a production of "Harvey" in which Dave plays the lead and Joan directs.

Chris Coyne is with the Sixth Army, and recently visited West Point with his wife and new baby. Newcomer and Beckedorff are at AFSWP in Albuquerque. Jim Dawley is prospering as a newly-wed in Washington. Speedy Hull visited the Point recently as a big wheel in a Special Services conference. News comes from lumber magnate Smoky DeVille of a new house and a fifth child. Al Evans is still in San Antonio with the Air Inspector and has become quite a woodworker. Boughton is working on the planning board for the proposed Air Academy. Our latest information from Ft. Knox came from Charlie Coates in March and may be a bit out of date, but he tells us that Mousheigan, Jim Roberts, Ed Dannemiller and Kenny Collins are all active there. Bill Buster is a gentleman farmer living in Lexington.

'39 remains well-represented at USMA but many changes are taking place. Due to arrive here are Kobes and E. T. McConnell, who will be with the T.D., and W. S. Clark, who will be with Social Sciences. Watch for the folks who are leaving to turn up as follows: J. N. Davis, Matt Smith, and Wald at Leavenworth; Jack Schrader in EUCOM; R. A. Janowski with SHAPE; Dick Morrison at Air War College at Maxwell AF Base; Schellman with G-3 in the Pentagon; Smiley Watt at Ft. Devens, and thence? Mouse Trahan has already departed for Camp Campbell.

We need your help in working up this column—please write to Class Secretary, 1939, at West Point giving us information you have concerning yourself and others—everybody wants to know what you are doing.

—Bowman.

## 1940

Consulting his wealth of material, the correspondent sat down to set down the news since April. Wealth of material includes a few letters, a telephone call from Jack Beiser who is going to the University of Pennsylvania preparing to teach English at USMA, and a telephone call from Len Orman who leaves Pennsylvania via Ottawa, Canada, to visit Bob Strong and then to Fort Bliss. Strong heads for a little leave in Europe this summer. I am in receipt of a document from Lithgow Bowlby who announces bravely that marriage is for him and on June 9th, he was married to Christina G. Jeffrey at St. George's Church, West Grinstead, England.

Jack Wright reports on the West Point dinner at Benning. He was joined by Lou Mendez, Paul Reinecke, Lee Fritter, Hank Daniels, Rod Wetherill, Jack Borden, Bob Raleigh, and Fred Yeager. Sid Bingham couldn't make it on account of a night jump. Jack commands a battalion in the 504th Air 82nd ABN Division.

Bill Porte is settled in San Antonio, Texas. Can reach him there care of The Mutual

Life Insurance Company of New York. He is looking for Bill Wright. Hamelin writes that he is leaving Yale and headed for AC of S, G-3 in the Pentagon. Wonders if they allow dogs, cats, turtles and fish in rented apartments. Sullivan writes from the Engineering School in Harvard that he is slated for Command and General Staff School at Leavenworth. Reports that Wing Jung is still in the Pentagon with G-2 Section. Ray Renola finishes Harvard Business School and will go to the Office of the Army Comptroller. Krauss leaves TOS Aberdeen for the Pentagon.

The eleventh reunion at West Point was a far cry from the famous tenth but the twenty-six members of the class stationed at the Academy got together and offered accommodations to anyone of the class who could come up.

The farthest flung correspondent was Charlie Balthis who writes from Indo-China. He is the sole representative of the class in that part of the world. He did get to Clark AFB in the P.I. but could find no one in the class even there. Charlie's wife, Elizabeth, and children, Betsy and Vernon, are at the Longview Apartments, Roanoke, Virginia. If Carnahan, Buck or Pillsbury read this, drop Charlie a line.

Johnnie Aber writes from Sill that he has completed the advanced course with Rimmer and Bidwell Moore. All three have been assigned to staff and faculty at Sill. Johnnie is "Supervisor of Instruction in the Department of General Subjects". Job was formerly held by Jack Dibble. Sam Patten, Jim Wendt, Wendell Coates, Corbly, Kenney, and Millican are also at Sill.

Jack Harnett sends me a letter from Tony Wermuth reporting on the European situation. Again Bowlby creeps into the news. Tony says it this way. "... You should see him strolling about London—topcoat, black homburg, mustache scraggly in the English fashion, and so help me Hannah, a furled umbrella." In Paris, Tony encountered Bull Marling who spends three or four months out of each year in India catching birds and then sells the feathers in the United States and Europe. The name is obvious—"feather merchant"

Faces in the EUCOM Headquarters are Ralph Rogers, Galbreath, Quaid, Ahmajan, Emery, Dibble and Ed Black, Seventh Army Headquarters sports characters such as Hackett, Ted Davis, Don Yeuell, Steve Silvasey, and O'Brien. Larry Legere is in Berlin with Eb Swift, Pfeil and Thayer, and down in Austria are Clock, Hazeltine and Dunham.

George Mayo is going to Sill for the advanced course and Kasper, Clapsaddle and Vic Hobson will attend Command and General Staff School. Jack Harnett and Bill Holm leave West Point for Europe. Ed Podufaly goes to FEC and Phil Elliott will attend Armed Forces Staff College. Flanders is heading for Boston Engineer District and Nosek goes to Camp Carson, Colorado. Norris is to leave West Point and Yates stops teaching Russian at USMA to be a student at Benning. Bill Clay is to go to Ordnance Department at USMA. Scotty Case is to be assigned to the Academy and Joe Donohue is rumored to come out of retirement to join the Math Department.

Bert Lane reports that those in the Leavenworth class finishing up this spring have the following assignments: Bavaro to Headquarters, First Army Governors Island; Don Bennett to Office of the Chief AFF, Ft. Monroe; Jerry Brown to Fort Totten, New York; Martin Chandler to Headquarters, Third Army, at Fort McPherson; Crown to Headquarters Second Army at Ft. Meade; England to Office Chief of Information; Lane to Headquarters Third Army; Loewus to ROTC Instructor Group at University of Nevada at Reno; Minahan to the Engineer Center at Ft. Belvoir; Monroe to Army Language at Monterey along with O'Donnell;

Webster to G-4 Section D/A; Wohner to G-2 Section D/A; Lanny Witt to the Pentagon; Fitzpatrick to Argentina; Pet Merchant goes to Portugal; Floryan to Office Chief of Information, D/A; and Woody Smith to Career Management, D/A; Shanahan and Paulick remain as instructors at Leavenworth. Dean Benson is expecting orders to Armed Forces College or to the Pentagon. Bill Francisco received the Order of the Coif (legal equivalent of Phi Beta Kappa) and his LLB from the University of Virginia. His next assignment will be JA Section, Headquarters Third Army, at Fort McPherson.

News from the Service Journals: McLean from Washington to Air War College at Maxwell Field; Guy leaves Fort Bliss and goes to Armed Forces Staff College at Norfolk; Ed Black from Bragg to Bremerhaven; Zahrosky from Stanford University to OC of S in the Pentagon; Mastran from Belvoir to Headquarters Second Army Fort Meade; Dodderidge assigned to OAC of S G-3; Woodward from Ft. Knox to Ft. Hood; Kramer from Ft. Sill to Ft. Shafter, T.H.; Yeager from Benning to the Pentagon; Murphy from Governors Island to Camp Carson, Colorado; Forbes from USMA to Office Chief Signal Officer in the Pentagon; Fuller, L. J. from Ann Arbor, Michigan to OC of S in the Pentagon; Epley from Pennsylvania to Headquarters Special Weapons Project in Washington; Woody Smith to Postgraduate School at Annapolis; Haessley from New York to OC of S; Kyle to the Armd School from Governors Island; Bates to the Electronics Lab at Ft. Monmouth, New Jersey, after two year tour at the University of Pennsylvania; Earl McFarland to Holloman AFB in New Mexico and then to DCS/O in the Pentagon; Joe Reubel to Donaldson AFB in South Carolina; and Oval Robinson to ROTC duty at Clarkson College of Technology in Potsdam, New York. In Istanbul, Turkey, Mark C. B. Klunk is the father of a son, while Collins, on duty in Philadelphia, announces the arrival of a son. Wetzel leaves Washington, D. C. for station at March Field, California. Ben Delamater announces a son, John Grandison Delamater, born at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas on May 20.

Would appreciate any or all news that you can send me. My address is 522 W. Beechtree Lane, Wayne, Pennsylvania or c/o Valley Forge Military Academy.

—Hank Brewerton.

## 1941

### FOREIGN NEWS

Tokyo: June 3—In the Blue Room of the University Club, Ben Mayo, MC, raised his

glass in a toast to '41. Downing the last of their flet mignon, twenty-two Black Papa San and Mama Sans rose to join him. In the absence of Aliotta, Harry Trimble produced a war-weary camera and recorded the activities for posterity. Cliff Cole, acting as recorder, passed around some paper for those who could to send their greetings to the Class. Contributors included Dee and Ralph Freese, Mitzi and Chuck Harris, Roy Watson, Joyce Mayo, Ed and Mary Buttery, Frank and Martha Gerig, Rita Rowny, Bob Salisbury, Al and Mary Snyder, Al Muzyk and Major and Mrs. W. K. Cummins. Ben summed up the situation thus: "Despite the Korean police action, the assorted aches and pains of middle age, incipient ulcers, bankruptcy, \* \* \* \*, the Tokyo Chapter of '41 assembled 13 \* \* \* '41ers and 8 brides (they get lovelier every year) for the 10th reunion. So far it's fairly sober, but it's got possibilities"

Taegu: It isn't every day that a '41er is the star in a feature story of a popular publication like the *Saturday Evening Post*, and it couldn't have happened to a nicer guy. "The Flare Plane Dares the Reds" by William L. Worden in the March 24, 1951 issue tells the story of how A. Wray White flies an unarmed C-47 over enemy lines at night dropping flares so that his B-26 pilots can keep the Reds awake with napalm and fifty caliber guns. A message from a front-line regiment said, "Congratulations on fine job by Invaders on flare missions. Intelligence estimates have cut enemy night movements by fifty percent". Wray unimpressed by all the publicity, sent his regrets for Reunion and inclosed a clipping which stated that a North Korean soldier, killed while collecting barbed wire, had a copy of salvage instructions in his pocket published by G-4, X Corps, Ed Rowny. He added that Ben Mayo, having finished his 100 missions in F-80's, was now back in Tokyo with Joyce, the boys, and four servants; that Ralph Freese is now in FEC as liaison officer to FEAF; and that Harry Trimble now commands his famous Night Photo Squadron.

### ART

A ringing "Hats Off" to Willy Vaughan for his cold max on the Reunion cartoon. Old Grads, Young Grads, Black Grads, and Cadets were begging for extra copies of our Program, the cover of which told better than the proverbial ten thousand words what ten years and a war can do even to seasoned troops like the Heroes of Shimko's.

### FINANCE

The following message signed Black '41 and dated June 5 was wired to Butch Rising and Arnie Phillips, each of whom, not being able to come, sent a check to buy a round of drinks for a toast to the class. "Benzedrine,

Aspirin, and Memories; thanks for your contribution to the cause of these".

### RADIO

Saigon: June 12, 1951—"Best wishes from Indo-China on Tenth Reunion" /s/ Herb Stern.

### MILESTONES

Born: To Joe and Fran Myers, a son, Patrick Michael, at Benning, April 6, weight: 8 lbs. To Rod and Gabby O'Connor, their second son Brian Marcial, at WRGH, April 7, weight: 8 lbs. To Kenny and Joan Desert, a daughter, Margaret Irene, in Washington, March 24, 1951, weight: 6 lbs., 14 oz. To Jack and Cheyney Norton, their second child and first daughter, Alexandra, in Washington, April 13, weight: 7 lbs., 6 oz. To Brad and Ruth Smith, their second child and first daughter, Debora, in Washington. To Bob and Beverly Johnson, their first child, a son, April 20. To George and Ann Pittman, a son, George H., III, April 24, weight, 6 lbs., 8 oz. To Tom and Alice Fisher, their third child and first son, Thomas L. at West Point, March 29, weight 6 lbs., 3 oz. To Frank and Bobbie Linnell, a son, Charles Canham, in Ancon, C.Z., June 6.

### MISSING IN ACTION

Donald L. Driscoll.

### TRANSFERRED

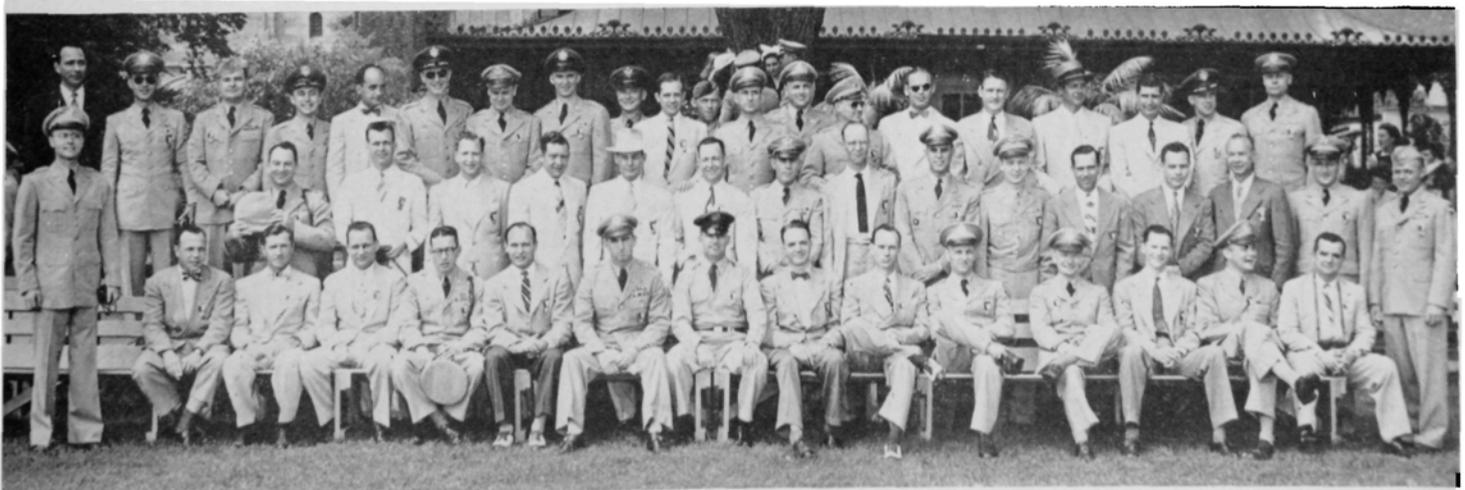
To USAF—Duward L. Crow; to JAGC—Robert P. Johnson.

### ORDERED

To West Point—Charlie Schilling, Chuck Maynard, and George McIntyre. To EUCOM—Paul Pigue, Dan Danforth. To Iceland—George Cooper. To Maxwell—Evans, Brown, E. W. and Andrus. To Tripoli—Tarbox. To Sandia—Goodell. To Wright-Patterson—Phillips. To Leonard Wood—Polk. To Office of the Engineer in Chief, British Army, London—Bob Kramer. To PMS&T, Gulfport MA, Miss.—Al Dalby. To instructor, AC&SS, Maxwell—Chuck Willes and Harry Harvey. To Asst. Mgr., Dallas Agency (407 Comm. Bldg., Shreveport, La.)—Charlie Murrah.

### REUNION

Willy Vaughan's tremendous cartoon got everyone off to the right start as they checked in at the Class Desk. Bill Clifford had done a good job arranging the reception desk, and as each returnee arrived he received an envelope containing the Program on the cover of which was Willy's cartoon and the Alumni Badge. We continued the idea started at the Fifth reunion of having black name cards, and we had black name cards for the gals too. The first man to check in was Jim Healey, a veteran of the Fifth, who was out on his last fling prior to



10th REUNION, CLASS OF 1941

Black '41—It's been a rough ten years.

leaving the ranks of the few remaining bachelors. Jim was followed by the temporary bachelor contingent, most of whom could only stay for the first party; K. O. Dessert, Rod O'Connor, Dan Salinas, Bob Coakley of the Puzzle Palace, Dick Travis and Bob Horn from Langley, and Billy Mitchell from Shaw.

The first formation was the cocktail supper at the Club, and Rog Neumeister had everything ready to roll. It started off quietly, but the combinations and permutations of greetings resulting from one hundred and eighteen people soon made the situation as loud as Dick Travis' sport coat. It was a very nice party, and to everyone's surprise including Jack Christensen's as well as my own, there were no casualties.

The next night it was our good fortune to be in the hands of an entrepreneur who arranged for a dinner that was out of this world. Served in candle light to soft music, the setting and the food couldn't have been beaten by the Waldorf. Tony Tonetti and John Richards had thought of everything, the candles, the flowers, the corsages, the band, and a special token for the masterful Chef. Even more atmosphere was added by the band's playing our favorite numbers from ten years back. Please indulge my raving about this party: I am free to do so because I did none of the work. Full credit goes to Hank Boswell and to Tony and John.

While I'm extolling, let me add that much of the work done by the local chapter was not entirely apparent during the three parties. Dick Scott had the difficult job of getting out all the publicity and trying to assemble an accurate list of addresses. Bob Dixon not only worked out all the housing arrangements but actually carried the bedding which many of you slept in around to the houses of the various borrowers. Herb Richardson handled all the bookings and reservations for all entertainment. Roy Kelley not only had the headache of being the Treasurer, but he acted as Budget and Fiscal officer during the planning phase. All these activities were planned and coordinated at numerous meetings which were set up by the genial President of the WP chapter, Al Hayduck.

Katherine and I had been disappointed when, after preparing for seven house guests, we got a last minute Be-no from both the couples and one of the three bachelors. Little did we realize, as the Dinner Dance broke up that we'd soon be compensated for our trouble. "Come to our house", "Club 182", "The only place at West Point open all night". All these inveigling remarks seemed very funny at the time, but before I knew it, I was frantically mixing drinks in the kitchen and rapidly running out of ice, glasses, and cigarettes. The only other item of which could have run out was in ample supply thanks to the perspicacity of our guests. Each couple added to the stock as they arrived—just in case! John Henschke and John Locke, a couple of conservative bachelors had long since gone to bed, but they didn't have a prayer. They were dressed and downstairs in clothing formation time. As people kept arriving and the last jelly glass was used, someone hit the panic button and ice and glasses were sought from all corners. Mal Troup, in the adjoining set, quickly threw his deep freeze into the breach and even added a neatly frozen fish which reduced the temperature in a few glasses before the thawing action began to flavor the contents. Our neighbor on the other side had had this treatment before and was appropriately girded—he thought. Fat Jack Crowley ('42) had locked his doors and unhooked the receiver, but he not only forgot about the doorbell but also the various demonstrations of '41 ingenuity he had been allowed to witness at Camp Clinton in the summer of '38. While Goober O'Connell fainted with a pin in the back door bell, Renee and Bill Linton led the

main effort under the bedroom window. Jack replied with the tops of his pajamas and a pack of cigarettes which he tossed out one by one. The returning scavengers were welcomed, promptly relieved of the cigarettes, and told to go back for the rest of the pajamas.

Since there was no room to play spin the bottle, Julie Easton suggested the orange passing game. This, as you know, is a sport which is almost as hard on the wives who are watching as it is on the oranges. When Sweetie Richards complained about the beards of the various male orange passers, Curt Chapman pointed to the kitchen clock and said, "See; five o'clock shadow".

By this time people were growing tired of "John and Marcia" and the sweet strains of a hula greeted our ears. By careful maneuvering about three square feet of floor space was obtained and Peggy Scott, Sally Welles, and Katherine gave their all. The applause, and especially the coins landing at their feet, spurred them on to greater effort, but after three numbers when the pennies were picked up, Roy Kelly could add only seven cents to the Class coffers. Those who were close enough to the windows were surprised to see dawn breaking; otherwise there was no slackening in the tempo but some additional traffic was added to the busy queues upstairs. About this time Moose Male took a head count and announced that if the Andruses were disappointed that their guests didn't show up they could take consolation in the fact that forty-nine people had just spent the night.

In the meantime the quest for the rest of Crowley's PJ's had been successful, and to express our appreciation, relays of serenaders were stationed under his windows. Finally at about seven o'clock he appeared at the door, shaved, dressed, and smiling. His only comment was, "I should have thought of this sooner; if you can't lick 'em, join 'em".

At 0815, as one of our neighbors, was standing in front of his quarters waiting for his car pool he was somewhat startled to see Ted Brown and John Easton strolling down the walk (to get some more cold ones at John Richards') complete with dinner coats, boutonnières, and with Easton wearing his sun glasses!

Needless to say there were a few lates at the next formation, the Alumni Exercises at 1100. From there we went to the Alumni Luncheon where a small critique was held on the previous night's operations. At the same time the gals were having their luncheon at the Thayer. Dottie Richardson deserves a special pat on the back for the splendid job she did in spite of not being well.

The last operation was the picnic on beautiful White Oak Island at Buckner, and there were those who were afraid that even with benzedrine we wouldn't last long enough to eat dinner. To add to the frustration, it began to pour. Fortunately the class of '36 very graciously invited us to share the pavilion with them. Ted Brown had knocked himself out to set up the site for the picnic—he had even installed "all modern conveniences" (chemical variety) behind an appropriate screen. Norm and Chappie Coker and Doris and Wally Lauterbach were unable to stay for this final party, but we had some late comers who included Cheyney and Jack Norton and Lynn and Bena Lee. Despite the rain and the bottle fatigue, the party was a huge success. Hugh Foster officiated at the projector as we watched the "High Lights of the 1950 Football Season".

Everyone seemed to have enjoyed the three days, but there was unmistakable evidence that we are getting old. There was no class tree planted in the middle of the plain, no fights, and nobody jumped out of the windows in barracks. We mustered up enough enthusiasm to construct a large '41

out of wood, and duly painted it black, but Woody Garrett couldn't get anybody to help him hang it up on the side of the barracks, and the project fizzled.

We were very happy to see Jack Anderson and Jack Telfair able to make the Reunion. They both looked so well you would never have guessed that Uncle Sam had discharged them physically about twelve years ago. Three other civilians whom we were glad to see again were Mac McCool, Hank Irvin and Bill Petre. The rest of the Pentagon contingent included Andy Evans, Bido Felchlin, Jog and Mike Greene, Al Jensen, Bob Johnson, Dick Levy, Walt Mather, Jack McClure, George McIntyre, Biss Moore, Dick Rastetter, Joe Reed, Brad Smith, Bill Starr, and Roger Lawson. Other returnees were Ralph Upton, Potter Campbell, John Deane, Peer DeSilva, Ed Kisiel, Dave Kunkle, Charles Maynard, Jack Murray, Fox Rhynard, Jim Strain, Jim Sykes, and George Welles.

#### TEN YEAR BOOK

Plans for the ten year book are shaping up. Dick Scott has everything well organized and it is going to be a great book. One of the biggest difficulties continues to be addresses. If you are not certain Dick has your correct address, please drop him a card. Also if you know of any classmates who haven't gotten the word, please tell them (a) to be sure their address is in the file, (b) to be ready to send in a picture of themselves and their family, and (c) to fill out the biographical poop sheet when they get it and send it back promptly.

#### ALOHA

As you see, Uncle Sam is about to drag me kicking and screaming away from this wonderful place. However, I'll continue to put out the Poop Sheet, so keep me posted at Maxwell. The grand time we had at Reunion was made possible by the return of so many wonderful people—let's resolve to make it bigger and better in '56.

—Burt Andrus.

#### 1942

June Week 1951 brought loyal sons back for a few days, new members being assigned to USMA, and the beginning of farewells for those leaving. The Carl Ulsakers were transient between an exchange detail with the Canadian Army in Ottawa and the University of Pennsylvania for a year's grind before coming to the English Department. The Manierres left their Virginia estate for Graduation Parade. Cy's a gentleman of the horsey set these days. Ed Corcoran made the big party at Camp Buckner and then returned to Sandia. Howie Fender made the journey from his law practice in Fort Worth. Coladay and Ely showed up on Alumni Day. Wiley Baxter and frau were about the campus prior to reporting to MT&G.

Pete Russell deserves congratulations on the annual dance at Buckner. It was a good warm-up for 1952. He's leaving for C&GS soon along with Frank Clay and his new twin girls. Others leaving include McAdam to Guatemala, Bob Evans and Palfrey to Maxwell Field, Jim Newman to Fort Belvoir, and Dean Short to Washington.

Incomers include Lou Flanigan, Gene Robbs, Jack Rose as Tacs, Danny Halpin, English; Charley Ferguson, Social Science, and more that your scribe could not learn the names of—apologies are offered.

Duffie writes from Leavenworth—"It's been fun seeing Ed Aileo and Bob Brugh who are presently finishing up the 1950-1951 Regular Course of C&GSC. I didn't get a chance to tell them off from the platform—but those of '42 who will be in the 1951-1952 course—watch out!"

"Well, here goes for those at Sandia Base in May. Hal Ogden is back from ACPSS with a job in the Technical Training Group where Hub Hinkle, Len Pasalou and old Tom hang out. Pierce Doyle is the base communicator with its normal headaches. Rip Young is now the Base Defense Chief to repulse attacks. Phil Krueger is still a mole and here for the regular four year tour. "Corkie" Corcoran is at Kirtland Field in Aviation Engineering. Ely and Butch Offley were through not long ago for the Staff Course. Bill Harrell lives next door on the base. He is in S-3 of our Special Weapons Group. He was at school with Hal Ogden. Be sure if coming through Albuquerque to call Sandia Base. We always have an extra 'Sac'. Clare and Tom have adopted a 'Little Tom'. We are so happy with our new family."

Dick House writes: "Became a new father last September 2, 1950. This third addition to the household, Mary Lisa, is undoubtedly the happiest little girl in the Air Force. "I do not know if there is any significance (either for the present or the future) which can be attached to the above sequence of events.

"Will finish Masters Work in Nuclear Physics (Ohio State U.) next December.

"Ran into Clementson at Wright-Patterson some weeks back. Also, see Jay Hewitt occasionally. Have been pretty much out of touch with anyone else since starting here at OSU in March 1950".

Dick Maffry is being transferred from Brazil to the 4800th Guided Missile Wing, Patrick AFB, Cocoa, Florida July 2. Dick Brice has been appointed Town Manager of the Town of Narrows, in Virginia, population, 2,700. Dick says he had more fun flying, even with the flak. Joe Cannon writes from FEC to bring addresses up to date. He's looking forward to Dopey Stephens' visit to Japan, where Dopey is going to spend a month conducting a football coaching school. Jack Kennedy is going to Camp Polk for two weeks active duty with his reserve engineer construction group. He renews his standing invitation to all Air Force fliers to land at Barksdale AFB and visit him in Shreveport.

Bill Shedd is putting out a new class directory next October and will be sending address cards to you shortly. The last West Point monthly class luncheon was held in April. Thanks were voted to retiring chairman McAdam and Fran Roberts was voted the man most likely to succeed in running a bang-up 10 year reunion. Fat Jack (now Slim) Crowley is party chief, so make your plans early. '41 had a good turnout this year but we can do better.

The Korean delegation of the Class have our sincere best wishes for promotions, decorations, and rotation.

—Walter D. Short.

## January, 1943

This issue the notes are random and the order largely alphabetical. But first the June Week activities. We had a fine farewell buffet supper party at the Thayer on May 27. The joint '42, January '43, June '43 wingding at Buckner on June 2 turned out to be the usual wonderful affair. See or write McDermott for unpublished details. The class wound up the festivities with a buffet supper on June 3 at Stewart Field. But it was a bad year for visitors, since only two of the field soldiers turned up. We trust that means you are all saving up for the 1953 tenth reunion.

Hal Barber departed WP for the Advanced Course at Benning, as did Tim Brown. Doug Blue goes to the Advanced Course at Belvoir while Earl Hehn and Bob Nickel go to the field, at Travis AFB and Alaska Communications Command (with station at Seattle), respectively.

So much for the home guard. Coming to WP are Bob Bullard (MA&E), Jim Cobb (Phys Ed), Bob Fiss (FA Det 1802 SR), Jess Hollis (TD), Knobby Holt (Electricity).

Vital statistics at USMA concern the McDermotts. They announce the birth in March of fourth child, Mary Alice. This restores the balance since there are now two boys, two girls.

News from the field is scattered but fairly representative. It would appear that we build no empires but spread out around the world. M. J. Berenzweig is Asst G-2, 11th Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Ky. He asks classmates to stop by and see him. Roger Bertram is in Austria with the 70th Engineer (C) Bn. Merle Carey writes from Korea that he is in G-1, EUSAK (you figure it out). He has seen some classmates and has got jobs for them. They need good officers in Korea. Those of you headed that way are urged to drop in, and Merle will use his influence. Merle got Joe Commy transferred from G-1 of X Corps to a Bn S-3 job. He also got Ed Murray a job as Bn CO in the 2nd Inf Div, where Ed is doing a fine job.

Mitch Goldenthal mentioned seeing (Bob?) Cook, fresh from Benning. Since it was Benning I take it to be Bob since last word on W. H. Cook has him in the Signal Corps.

Yours truly stopped off in Washington to see Dorothy De Gruchy. She's hoping he'll be rotated soon from Korea, where he is Chief, Transportation Branch, Hq 5th AF. Dorothy says he's not doing much flying since he has apparently been chained to a desk. Terry Ellis was with the 49th Fighter-Bomber Wing in Korea but now is at Johnson AFB in Japan.

Flip Fenili wrote in from Knox, where he is an instructor in Opns and Tng Div, Comd and Staff Dept, T.A.S. Flip informs us that a number of classmates were at the Advanced Course this year. Hugh Mease went from Knox to a Heavy Tk Bn at Camp Polk, La. But the June 9 A-N Journal has him going from there to Stud Det, Hq 6th Army, U. of Southern Cal, Los Angeles. Tom Mesereau went from Knox to 11th Airborne. There's some company for you, M.J. Flip says John Norris is editor, Tng Lit & Reproduction Dept, T.A.S. Harry Pritchett was another student at Knox. He is slated to go to Siam as Asst Mil Attache. Another Knoxer is Tom Watson, who is Asst G-2, 3rd Armd Div. Jack Wheeler went from Knox to a Tk Bn in the 2nd Armd Div while Gray Wheelock, who has been holding forth at AFF Bd No. 2, is slated to go to England with a similar, tank-testing outfit.

Mitch Goldenthal wrote in from Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., where he is commanding the 1905th Engr Avn Bn. He offers statistics which show 40 West Point graduates in the 6th Armored Division, which is really an Engineer Replacement Training Center. He knows, however, of no others of the class there.

Jim Hackler stopped in at WP on June 5. He's currently at 9th AF, Pope AFB, Fort Bragg, N. C. He sees much of Bob Lacy and Stu Meyer, who live near him in Fayetteville.

Tom Harrison is Opns Officer, 51st Fighter-Interceptor Wing. His outfit was on Okinawa but may now be in Japan. Mac Hatch is with the Engrs in Korea; wife and children are in the Osaka Area in Japan. Bill Hovde is CO of a Fighter Sqn of the 4th Fighter Wing in Korea or Japan.

Lee James tells Sam Karrick he is a Project Officer in Cocoa, Florida for the Air Force guided missiles people. He says he is very busy.

From Bill Knowlton we learn that he is well established in SHAPE, APO 55, c/o PM, NY, NY. Their third child, Timothy, was born February 24, 1951. Peggy hoped to join Bill in May or June.

From the other side of the world Bob Muldrow writes from Taegu, Korea, Hqrs

67th Tac Ren Wg, APO 970, c/o PM, San Francisco, that he went there after getting an MS at U of Cal in June '50. He's been in Korea about eight months as a Wing Controller. His wife and three children moved from Boulder, Colo. to Tucson, Arizona, in May.

Joe Nett continues to hold forth as Signal Supply Officer, Munich Military Post, APO 407-A, c/o PM, NY, NY. John Ross, in from Fort Devens, was a visitor during June Week. He's still one of the last few bachelors, as is Howard Wehrle, another June Week visitor. Howard's address is 5351 Belfield Ave, Phila 44 Pa (studying at U of Pa). Check with him on his story, which charity forbids mention of here, on the "early thirty" of January '43.

Last we heard of Frank Shaw is that Mitch Goldenthal saw him in Washington, where he is still in G-2. And a letter to Mari and Al Toth from Joannie Smith (W. B. Smith) informs us of the arrival of Roderick Von Lunen, their third. Jack Upchurch, having graduated from Engr Adv Course is headed for Europe.

The above adds up to 43 names, not a large haul by any standard. How about dropping us a card (before they go up to two cents) with at least your name, rank, mailing address and your wife's address, with the latest additions to family since last time you made the column? You girls could do better. If you can't get anywhere prodding, no one says *you* can't send the card. We are going to need firm addresses from now until 1953 for reunion purposes. The 1941 tenth reunion this June Week was a crashing success. Over eighty attended, retired people, resigned, ex's and all. It's something to think of for '53; and '52 is not too early to start letting us know how to get in touch with you.

—H. S. Walker.

## June, 1943

View Halloa — And another June Week rolls around. I'll have the June Week festivities reviewed for you in a moment. First, the news up to date: A long letter from Will Cover indicated that he is presently employed in the G-3 Section, Hq IX Corps Artillery. He reports that George Campbell, G-3 Section of the 7th Division is as jovial as ever. In the States Quint Atkinson sends a short shot from Culver, where he says all the old goodies such as jumping and riding are installed. Page Jackson, now retired, is a law student at Georgetown with an address that reads 3017 Edgewood Road, Kensington, Maryland. Jim Deatherage and Walker Jamar have just completed their Harvard training and will become schoolgirls again at Belvoir. Also at Harvard is Lemon Blank, who finishes the School of Business this summer. Harry Schroeder joins Jim Christy at Geronimo College, Ft. Benning, before Christy tees off for Bremerhaven. Art Rasper and Van Auken report to the Antilles Command, San Juan, Puerto Rico, while Hank Romanek goes to Fort Amador, Canal Zone. Jim Kidder will join Christy at Bremerhaven and Sonsteli will stay at Benning to instruct Edrington when he arrives for the Advanced Course.

Old Soldier Note: Eddie Curcuru, retired for war wounds, will see active duty again as Assistant S-1, Hq USCC, here at West Point. Joining him in the Tac Dept will be Peter John Ryan. Bill Malone, who will join next year, will prep at the U of Penn in the meanwhile. Jack Neuer has departed for Maxwell, while during the summer Van Schoick will head for Belvoir and the Advanced Course. Art Suvkamm is slated for the Far East and yours truly will relieve B-dog Edrington as an exchange Tac at Annapolis. Clark Baldwin plans to take an Associate Course at Knox during the sum-

mer. Another bachelor fell from the ranks when it became Lucy Ann and Preston Easley, with Ernie Price in attendance at Nashville this spring. Bernie Weiner has changed his name to Robert B. Callan; he is now General Manager of Frederic P. Weid-ersum, Architects, New York.

A note indicates that among our English-speaking classmates we find Dave Galas at Hq 3d Air Division, London, and Kilpatrick with the USAF Depot, Burtonwood. Frank McMullen is just completing training as a pilot-observer (radar) and expects a post as B-47 pilot at MacDill AFB. The following Ft. Bliss permanent party gathered together in April to refight the war: Laurie and Clyde Linton, Carolyn and John Bond, Min and Max Talbot, Marian and Charley Dickinson, Marj and Bob Gadd, Helen and George Betts, Jim Canning, Doris and Larry Pavy, Lila and Ed Soler, Ruth and Reading Wilkinson, Bea and Frank Wood, Theodora and B-dog Spalding and Teddy and Chuck Wilson. Also at Bliss, but unable to join the fracas, were the Quellen Bollers and Walt Roe.

Peggy and Steve Sherrill announce the arrival, at Washington, April 22, of a son, Steve, III. He hopes to be a member of the Class of about 1973. His grandfather was in the Class of April, 1917.

Large Family Note: Walt and Judith Burnette have five as of last September 22. They are: Walter III, Stephanie, Christopher, Rexford, and recently joined Spencer. Can anyone top this???

A newsy letter from Tim Ireland, who is an instructor at the Air Command and Staff School, Maxwell reports that Hallenbeck, having finished the course, is now in the A-4 Section at Sandia. Buddy Hough is now in the Evaluation Division of the Air University, Teague Harris is in the Operations Division of the same outfit, while Ted Connor just finished the course and is back at his base in Washington State. Formerly at the school were Hurley and Bucher. Pat is back at MacGuire AFB while Ollie Bucher went to a MATS job in Hawaii. In addition to Bethell Edrington; Mark Boatner, Dick Orphan, Spike Phelps and Bernie Rogers will be Advanced Students at Benning this coming term. Mike Davis is reported in the North Atlantic Division of the Engineers with assignment at Sampson AFB, where he is rebuilding that installation. Art Surkamp, previously reported heading for FEC is now heading down South America way where he will join Hank Romanek on the Inter-American Geodetic Survey Commission.

June Week saw a fine time for old grads, but a small turn-out of the shafttees. Various seen during the week were Connie Nesselbush, Dick McAdam, Jim Bower, Jim Christy, Ted Tansey, Norm Keefer and Junior Lloyd. A late courier just handed me notification that Miss Eileen Curran has removed Stan Staszak from circulation June 2d. Congratulations. With this edition of *Assembly* I step down as Scribe. Thanks to all the newgatherers and my blessings on the patient subscribers. The new Ed will be Tom Johnston, Math Dept, USMA. *Toujours.*

—Dan'l Flannel.

## 1944

We start out this column with the best news we've had in many a day. Last time, completely in error, we said in error that Bob Drake had been killed in Korea. Although his name was erroneously printed on at least one casualty list that was forwarded to your correspondent, we have definite proof that all is well—via a letter from Bob him-

self passing along the information that he is back in the U.S.

June Week turned West Point into the usual hubbub of activity and left one and all in the usual worn-out limp condition. For '44, it wasn't because of a round of class activities. Since this was an "in-between" year for us, we had only a few visitors. Those of us at West Point were kept busy with the special details that come with June Week and with the social gatherings in which others involved us. There was one class function—a picnic at Bull Pond, which most of you will remember as a Plebe Hike location. Be assured that the accommodations for a class picnic are a little different . . . and a little more comfortable than those we knew then.

Jack Vittulo and Louise were here for the duration. Jack spinning his usual side-splitting yarns of cadet days. Lee Smith and Audrey were on the spot. Lee now wearing the 5-Star aide insignia recently passed on by Steve Mulkey. Hi Ely was in attendance at all activities . . . semi-officially. Hi is here on two-weeks active duty as a reservist . . . says the meat-packing business is fine. Bud Cabell dropped up with his better half . . . taking a day off from staging for Germany to attend the Supe's Reception. Sure was good to see them—wish more of you could have been here.

The West Point family is about to go through its usual loss and gain procedure. The Eisenhowers are departing for Fort Knox to take the advanced course. Johnny and Barbara are vacationing in France before taking off. Randy and Becky Cary are off to Benning for the advanced course, as are Paul (Joe) and Ann Phillips. Jack and Bea Peterson will move to Washington, where Jack will report for duty to the Office of the Chief of Ordnance, Personnel Division. Pete and Linda Tisdale are off for Randolph Field. Roy and Sylvia Bahls expect to head for Texas with Roy being airborne again . . . place unknown at the present writing. Bob and Nancy Ginsburgh will pack up for Washington. Pat and Harry Grace are Ft. Sill bound . . . Harry to take the advanced course.

On the incoming list are the following: Wes Brown already with the AG; Bob Day to Physics and Chemistry; Lou Gamble to Mathematics; Joe Waterman to Electricity; Art Marshall to Military Art and Engineering; Bob Wessels to Military Art and Engineering; and Tom Lawrence to English. There'll probably be more added to the list before the school year starts.

'44 has provided several chuckles for people on the post. Those driving down Washington Road past the sedate quarters on Professors Row look twice when they see a platten—well-filled—residing on the lawn. Dotty Daniel is temporarily staying with her family (Col. Stamps of M.A.&E.) before joining Charles in Germany. Dotty recently joined Mary Hennessey in New York to bid farewell to Charley and Jack as they took off with the 4th Division.

George Blanchard writes in part . . . "In a lighter vein I want to report on Captain Frank C. Mahin, USN. Frank was a lecturer at the Army War College recently, and apparently the people at the school could not believe that an Army captain could be a lecturer; consequently, the Administration of the school in describing Captain Mahin's visit, and in the portfolio for his use, inscribed the name 'Captain Frank C. Mahin, USN'" (His roommate was General Eichelberger. George is in General Bradley's office in Washington.)

Phil Toon writes from Germany where he is a battery commander. He tells us that he is commanding not only the oldest artillery unit in the Army but also the only "Dog" battery of Field Artillery in existence. The outfit of which he is so proud is

D Battery, 5th FA Battalion. . . His address, since we have it . . . APO 800, c/o PM, New York City. Phil passes along information concerning the only two classmates he has seen in the last year . . . Willie Burr with CIC in Stuttgart and Johnny Donaldson with G-2 of the 1st Infantry Division.

Jim Douglas, as usual, passes along the hot poop from Washington. From what he says, the Army list of Majors, or at least a list, ought to be out before this actually reaches your hands. Jim points out that Mac McLean is now a Major in the Air Force. We've also heard through other channels that Forthoffer has made the grade. According to the Washington scribe, John Sullivan and family visited Washington for a couple of weeks en route from Benning to Puerto Rico for assignment there. Ray Dunn is moving to Catholic U to set up an air reserve program as PAS&T. Frenchy and Betty Cyr had their first, Joseph Paul, on May 5th. Lee and Audrey Smith had their second, Lynn (daughter) on May 1st. Dunc Palmer (air) is reported missing in action. The following finished the advanced course at Belvoir and are en route as follows: Bruno to Camp Carson, Colorado; Cushman (now Infantry) to Benning; Graham to Leonard Wood; LaMarre to Bremerhaven; Maish to University of Virginia; Marshall to USMA; Robinson to Bremerhaven; Steel to Frankfurt; Wessels to USMA; Weston to Salzburg. Keith Eiler stopped through D.C.; he is now aiding General Wedemeyer. Bootz and family are off to Honolulu. Bill Miller is trying to return to active duty from resigned status. Rodden is going to PG school at . . . United States Naval Academy. Incidentally, '44 wives in D.C. are quite active—having monthly luncheons now.

Phil Grant is in Hersfeld, Germany, doing intelligence work. He reports that he has a daughter and a son . . . has seen "Dumbo" Codling in Fulda with a company of the 18th Engineers. Wally Moulis is with CIC in Frankfurt.

Bev Snow has a new daughter, Nancy Ann, born at Fort Bragg on April 2nd. He is there with the Engineer Section, V Corps. Johnny Carley, Walt Harris, Ed Hibbard, Bob Kendall and Bill Tuttle were all present for a Founder's Day Party on March 17th . . . all stationed at Bragg. Phil McAuliffe, also at Bragg, was on TDY to Sill at the time of the party.

Clark Kennedy writes from Fort Sam Houston, Texas, that Sam Hesse is in real estate with his dad . . . has a reserve commission and is now back on active duty. Clark tells us, too, that Bob Royem is due to come to West Point as a tac.

Bob Drake, who, as we told you, is back in the U.S., writes that he will report to Staff and Faculty, Fort Knox (The Armored School) after his leave. His latest news is that Norm Shepherd is in Pusan handling real estate as a MAJOR. Ollie Becker transferred from Signal Corps to Artillery in Japan. Bob says that Ollie was with him at Chosin reservoir and, so far as he knows, is missing in action.

Bob Gerhard is Assistant Air Liaison Officer with the American Consulate General in Hong Kong. He writes that Bill Bingham is Assistant Air Attache in French Morocco. Bob has shifted back and forth between Hong Kong and Formosa. He says that if anyone is thinking of going to Formosa, to put it out of mind . . . but that Hong Kong is another question . . . but good.

The word is that Les Halstead is now a Major in Korea. Rojo Aldrich is now working at Wright-Patterson, but his business address is: Divisional Representative, Buick-Oldsmobile-Pontiac Assembly Division, General Motors Corporation. Rojo reports that he has seen Curley Waters and Jim Cumberpatch, and that all is well.

I'm going to list the basic information concerning the classmates living in the Washington area, giving office addresses. Jim Douglas supplied the list. If any of you can do likewise for your areas (Jim's list also gives home addresses and family information which is very helpful) we'll appreciate it. Here goes: Capt. Henry Aurd USA, OCE, Rm 2406, Bldg. T-7; Capt. Albert Bethel, USA, Student, Johns Hopkins; Capt. Henry Beukema, USAF, AFOPD-PY, 4E 1049 Pentagon; Capt. George Blanchard, USA, JCS, 2E 877, Pentagon; Capt. Harold Boutwell, USAF, AFIED, Rm 2608, Bldg. T-7; Capt. William Bradley, USAF, AFMPE, 4D 271 Pentagon; Capt. Eugene Callaghan, USAF, AFPMP, 4D 170 Pentagon; Capt. John Carlson, USA, AC/S G-4, Supply Div., 2B 661 Pentagon; Capt. Clarence Cyr, USA, AF Special Wpns, 1B 697, Pentagon; Capt. James Douglas, USA, TI&E, OCI, 2D 628 Pentagon; Major Ray Dunn, USAF, AF ROTC, Catholic University; Capt. Harold Emerson, USAF, AFPMP, 4C 160 Pentagon; Capt. Henry Francis, USA, OPI, OSD, 2E 757 Pentagon; Capt. Theodore Geltz, USAF, Mtnc. Control, Bolling AFB; Capt. Fielding Greaves, USA, AC/S G-2, 2B 516 Pentagon; Capt. John Johnson, USAF, AFPMP-1-C-1, 4D 179 Pentagon; Capt. Andrew Keller, USA, Hq. 1st Engr. Trng Bn., ERTC, Fort Belvoir; Capt. John King, USAF, ABW 1B, Bolling AFB; Capt. Bryan Leeper, USA, O&T, OCE, Rm. 2402, Bldg. T-7; Capt. Kermit Lindell, USA, Army Map Service, 6500 Brooks Lane, Washington; Capt. Thomas Lynn, AFOMO, 5E 1009 Pentagon; Capt. Frank Mahin, USA, Historical Div. SSUSA, Rm. 507, 119 D St., NE, Washington; Capt. William McGlothlin, Jr., USAF, Hq. MATS, Andrews AFB; Maj. Arthur McLean, USAF, Guided Missiles, R&D, 4D 337 Pentagon; Capt. Ivan Nealon, USAF, AFOIN, 4B 881 Pentagon; Capt. Robert Nixon, USA, OCE, Rm. 2033, Bldg. T-7; Capt. Lewis S. Norman, Jr., USAF, AFOAE/T, DC/S, 5C 162 Pentagon; Capt. Edwin O'Donnell, USA, Mil Opns, OCE, Rm. 2034, Bldg. T-7; Capt. Richard Patch, USA (Ret) Patch Farm, Philomont, Va.; Capt. Frederick Porter, Jr., US AF, Hq. MATS, Andrews AFB; Capt. Thomas Ragland, Jr., USAF, AFAAC, 5D 1023, Pentagon; Capt. Robert Shoemaker, USAF, AFAPA, DC/S/Compt, 4C 116 Pentagon; Capt. Foster L. Smith, USAF, JCS, 2E 877, Pentagon; Capt. William Stowell, USA, R&D Div. OCO, 2D 371 Pentagon; Capt. & Mrs. John Weir, USAF, NAT Affairs, 3D 945 Pentagon.

Congratulations to all you ground force Regular Captains. In case you haven't heard, it's per par 11, SO 95, May 14. Best wishes until next time.

—J. F. H. C.

## 1945

**PARAGRAPHS ABOUT PEOPLE:** Not all of our returnees could wait till June Week to visit us and three of them were welcome guests in mid-May. Art Hasket came up from Carlisle, Pennsylvania, to attend a baseball clinic here. He also returned for part of June Week. Jim Rasmussen dashed in and out so quickly one Sunday that no one but Larry Jones saw him. Ras was then at Camp Kilmer awaiting overseas shipment. A few days later Clair Whitney flew in from Wright Field for a day's visit—his first return since graduation. Whit's activities included visits to the Mess Hall, where he was suitably impressed by the enlarged center section, not to mention the niceties in the way of table settings that we never saw, and a nostalgic visit to his room in the eighth and a half from which as one of the class zebras he used to formulate Corps policies. He and Martha now have a family of two girls. Have been at Wright for three years. Word comes from Okinawa that after two years there Bud Weaver is en route home to attend the University of Pittsburgh next year. He'll study petroleum engineering and will be assigned to industry for a year. It was two years ago this summer that Bud left here for the west, and we look forward to welcoming him back. A few lines are in order to bring you up to date on Frank Pavia. He was married on December 28, 1948 to Ramona Siebert of Manhattan, Kansas. Frank Junior arrived February 2, 1950. Fran, along with Jesse Johnson, Jim Garrett, and Dick Armstrong, is now in Germany. May was a big month for Jackie and Paul Holland down at Benning. Paul completed the advance course and Jackie gave birth to a baby girl, Gwendolyn on May 9th. Paul goes to Fort Hayes, Columbus, Ohio, as an instructor with National Guard. The Don Lunney's had a baby boy—John Michael—on December 13. Makes one of each for Don and the beautiful Ann. Don is leaving General Electric in Schenectady for a job with Gates Rubber in Denver. Look them up when you are out that way. Phyllis and Wimp Wildman made it three with David Mitchell on April 27. Wimp is at Ravenna Arsenal, Apco, Ohio. Lum Edwards was married to Erma Rohrer on September 2, 1950. He is now working for a degree as Bachelor of Theology at Upland College, California. A long letter from one of our biggest operators, Jim Shilstone, brings us up to date on his nefarious activities since we last saw him in Japan in '48. He got out of the Army about a year ago to work for the family concern down in New Orleans.

Joined the National Guard and came back on active duty in February. Is now with G-3 Section, Fourth Army, Fort Sam Houston. A baby daughter, Mary Ellen, joined the Andy Carharts on May 17, 1950. Andy is studying for the ministry (Presbyterian) at Western Theological Seminary, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He starts with 8 weeks of Hebrew. "And me a goat in Spanish!" The class now has an outpost in Bangkok, Siam, at the home of Marte and Jerry Holdridge, there with the military mission. They recently added another American to the colony in the person of Patricia. Cecil Rutledge was married to Lois Esnard in New York City. Wedding took place in March. Among the ushers were Ward Protsman and Chuck Pratt, and Toby Gandy was best man. Rut is now in Washington. Big Jim Morris' engagement to Lella Booth of Roanoke, Virginia, was announced at about the same time. A June wedding was planned but as yet we have no follow up on it. Jim Elkey put down the tools of his job as Photo Interpreter with S-2, X Corps Artillery in Korea, long enough to fill in the gaps you will read in another paragraph. Jim went back overseas last November. He didn't include any news about the good looker in his family, the luscious Lil, or the kids. Betty Dallman gets her name in print here as a small reward for a letter telling of the Dipper Dallman's first, Elizabeth Welsh, last August 20. They are at Fort Bragg with the 82nd. Also there are Bill Whittington (married to Ginny Mace in February 1950), Bill Hankins (married "Da" Granholm in August 1950), the Dink Nelsons, and Charlie Curtis. John Forbes, from the ROTC unit at Montana State, where he expects to be for another year, writes that with the arrival of Katherine Victoria on April 12 they now have three; one boy and two girls. An informative letter from Sam Lessey just came in under the deadline for this issue. Sam and Jack Noble will graduate from Harvard Law School on the 21st of June. From Harvard, Jack and Mary, plus both kids, head for JAG Section, Fifth Army, Chicago. Jim Edwards and Bill Nichols are now in their second year of law, and Jack Johnson and Bill Glynn are just completing their first. Bobby Lee Marlow has just commenced his studies at MIT where Earl Thompson and John Richards have just completed theirs.

**WHO'S ON FIRST:** Moose Hardy in Korea as military advisor to 11th ROK division. Jim O'Brien is in the Information Section, Fourth Army, Fort Sam Houston. Among recent classes at Navigator Training at Ellington AFB were Murray Fields, Jim Golden, Bill Preston, Jim Giles, Calvert Estill, and Dick Hurdis. Dave Elenkotter now in Washington. Chick Pierce is due



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home from Korea this month. He was in action there with the 187th Airborne for eight months. Believe we've already reported that Van Hout and George Stewart were also with the 187th. K. Stewart is now with the 1st Cavalry Division in Korea. Bill McNamee gave us a run down on classmates at the University of Pennsylvania. Studying electrical engineering are Bob Batson, Johnny Nacy, George Adkisson, Carl Steinhagen, Bob Loudermilch, and Bill. At the law school is Ira Coldron. From there Batson goes to Knox, and Nacy, Steinhagen, and McNamee go to Bliss. Jim Rouch is aide to the CG at Robins AFB, Georgia. Earl Bruton is at the same place with the 14th Air Force. Bob Lake is with the Air Force Procurement in Chicago. Ted Wagner, a civilian, is with Curtis Candy, also in Chicago. Those two items are from Bob Calvert, who is with the ROTC at the University of Wisconsin. Three civilian classmates are there also, working on "higher education": Nile Soik, Ed Michalak, and John Leghorn. Bill Brown reports his whereabouts as being the University of Minnesota as assistant PAS&T. Bill also reported the following: Jake Gatlin last heard of at Biggs AFB, El Paso, Texas; John Karr also in El Paso (John now a civilian insurance adjuster); Bill Snow an Albuquerque civilian; Bob English same status, different place, Long Island. Bill sends an inquiry as to present poop on Sunny Brett. We last saw him up here at West Point at a 1948 football game. He was then stationed at Tyndall AFB in Florida. There is some news of Sunny in another paragraph. Anyone with specific news of him is asked to send it along. Another name that would make welcome news in the column is that of Johnny Chickering. We last heard of him in Japan. Jim Elkey oriented us concerning this large group of classmates in Korea: Hank Hughes, Transportation Section, X Corps; Hap Argo, 187th RCT; Jim Stewart, G-3 Air Section, 187th RCT; John Carley, G-3, 2nd Inf Div; Ed Saxby, G-3, IX Corps; Joe Kovar, G-3, IX Corps; Erskine Smith, G-4 Section, IX Corps; Dell Fowler, Engineer Section, IX Corps; Ky Murphy, 7th Div; Ken Scurr, Engr Officer, X Corps Air Section; Lucian Truscott, 2nd Div; Ed Gudgel, X Corps Arty; and Rex McElroy, 2nd Div. Rocky Rochfort is now stationed in Spokane, Washington. Don Huseby is in Wichita, Kansas. Edgar Nichols is at Maxwell AFB attending an instructor's course. George Smith is just completing an engineering course at Johns Hopkins and then is moving on to Fort Sill. Put Monroe is reported as having been at Benning around

Christmas. Also, there is a report that a little Put arrived at about that same time. How about a confirmation on that?

**OOPS, SO SORRY:** Our face IS red; but on the other hand when we have to get your news from a person other than yourself, there are bound to be mistakes. That is a build up for two corrections. Oppenheimer is NOT out of the Army. And the Lochrys had a baby boy and not a girl. (That one is really serious.) However that still is all the dope we've been sent on their new arrival.

**JUST BABIES:** (That coming from a bachelor!) In Japan, a girl (first) to the George Jones. Gee Gee and Woody Wood, a boy, William Sterling Junior, March 8th, Presque Isle AFB, Maine. Rena and Pete Dillard, a boy, March 21st, Otis AFB. Annis and Buck Bowen, their second girl, December, Dallas, Texas. Rachel and Bob McDaniel, a girl, Marsha Jean, March 28th, Fort Campbell, Kentucky. Lois and Shorty Harmon, a boy, one of each now, April 27, Fort Belvoir. Dave Clymer, a girl, Ann, added to two boys, September, Fort Leonard Wood.

**JUNE WEEK AT WEST POINT:** The weather this year was reminiscent of that memorable graduation of ours. We had a surprisingly large (and distinguished) group of visitors for an off year reunion. Among those who made one event or the other were Harle Damon, Howie Baldwin, Bob Woods, Dick Haley, Art Hanket, Toby Gandy, Ken Werner, Houghton Lohn, and Jack Lawrence.

**WEST POINT ITEMS:** Sir Stork has been active up here since the last issue of *Assembly*. Seems to be the season for boys. One each for the Larry Jones, Randy Prestons, and the Jim Munsons. What a crew that is when you consider that it makes two boys for Larry and Janis, two for Randy and Nell, and a polo team of four for Nancy and Jim. Not a class daughter in the lot. A large number of the permanent party are away for the summer. John Bennett, Ted Adair, and John Linden left for Benning to test the present effects of the law of gravity as defied or invoked at Jump School. Doug Kenna is off to Japan and Korea to conduct a football clinic. Before he left, Doug received a surprise visit from Elmer Haslett, now a civilian. Bob Tobias and Ruth have not previously been reported as joining us here. Bob will be there two years with the Sesquicentennial Directorate. Bill Ekberg and Neil Imobersteg are also recent arrivals. More on them next month. Bob St. Onge is expected in the fall to coach football.

**FOR VAN VANDEVANTER AND BILL GLUNZ:** June Week always brings sober reflection on the classmates who are not present. The news on Bill is that he has been missing in action in Korea since November 26, 1950. He was serving with the 2nd Division. Chauncey was killed during training for combat in Korea, at Las Vegas. His funeral was held at Murfreesboro, Tennessee, home of his wife, Cissie. Sunny Brett was escort officer and Bill Snow accompanied Cissie home and made all funeral arrangements. Among those present at the funeral were Wimp Wildman, Don Bissell, Harry Walker, and Buzz Trustin. Our sincere sympathy to the families of both Bill and Van. Any classmates passing through Tennessee are requested to look in on Cissie and keep in touch.

—Jim Alfonte.

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June Week: Congratulations should first be extended to the Class Committee on the excellent job they did in making reunion plans. The committee: Alex Halls, Tom Constant, Joe Jordan, Guy Troy, Wade Kingsbury, Jack Green, Dick Dresser, R. P. Hazard, and Chairman Keith Ball. Each of the above men not only contributed freely of his time but added financially so that the necessary correspondence could be accomplished. A hearty 3 cheers to them! The lucky ones who got there: Roscoe Patton (w), Chuck Parsons, Bill Simpson III, Jack Whitener (date), Hal Hallgren, Roger Lengnick (w), Jerry Halloran, Bob Eichenberg, John Fischer, Dick Pohl (w), Arthur Gay, Sam France (w), Bob Lowry, Jack Paden, Ochs, Charlie Morgan, John Stannard (w), Bill Ashby, Dick Tuck, Louis Creveling, Bill Bowley, C. C. Carlisle, Dick Gruenther (w), (now stationed at W.P. and responsible for reunion picnic), Kit Sinclair, Max Feibelman (w), Rodney Blyth (w), Stan Love (w), Les Shade, Jones (w), Tom Blazina (w) (now stationed at W.P.), Pankowski (w), Marberger, Dick Bresnahan (w), Clint Friend (w), Ed Houseworth (w), Joy Blazey, Mrs. Baumgartner, Jim Elliott (w), Frank Butler, Mike Sanger (w), George Otte, Serotta (w), Bob Wayne, Glenn Smith, Larry Ingham, George Patton, Pat Nance, John Hacke, Harry Smythe (w), Ed Braun, Lynn Hoskins (w), Stan Blum (w), Stan Fair, Art Hansen (w), Jim Hughes, Danny Graham (w), Bob Malley, Frank Richter,



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Phyllis Yancey, Willis Cronkhite (w), Bill Kelly, Jo Ann Miley, Steve Connor. That makes a total of over 100, including wives and committee men.

It is with deep regret that I make the following announcement. On January 26, '51, Reginald Shaw was killed in an auto-bus collision. His last military assignment was flying jets in Japan from Sept '48 to Feb '50. Immediately after his resignation from the Air Force in March '50 he enrolled at Tulsa U. to get a Master's degree in Petroleum Production. Shaw is survived by his parents, Judge and Mrs. Oras A. Shaw of Tulsa, Okla.; his wife, the former Dorothy Montague (Ted's sister); and a son, 8 months old at the time of Reg's accident.

Korea: Al Ash wrote a long letter from Korea. He commands a 90MM Gun Btry with an AAA Gun Bn, APO 301, SF. Al formerly was PIO for the 187 RCT, during which tour he was able to get General Ridgway's approval of a special shoulder patch for the RCT. Al is engaged to Miss Kay Sexton, Wash., D. C. Johnny Castle is flying out of Taegu. Phil Farris commands the AAA Btry of the 187 RCT. Paratroopers still over there include: Ray Simpkins, Bob Tully, John Parker, Josiah Wallace, Charlie Hall, Jack Montague, and Dave Peters.

Sam Martin commanded the 25th Div Recon Co., got wounded twice, received the Silver Star, and now commands the 8th Army Honor Guard at Taegu. Bob Case is now an out-patient at Walter Reed and hopes to return to the 11th ABN Div soon. Jim Coleman is also at Walter Reed, having been wounded badly with the 187 RCT.

Bill McCollam also wrote a long letter from Korea. He landed with the X Corps at Inchon as part of the attached Engineer Brigade. Bill has been with his unit since 1949, when he joined it after 27 months on Guam with the 811th Eng. Av. Bn. Bill was alerted for the FEC at the same time the 2nd Div. was. After Inchon, he helped land the 7th Inf Div at Iwon; then later helped in the Hungnam beachhead evacuation. Xmas was enjoyed at sea. Now back at Inchon, Bill feels he has made a complete cycle and tour of Korea. Bill saw Grover Asmus last August in Japan. Asmus was on his way to either the 24th or 25th Div in Korea. George Sheffer is with the Ordnance, backing 8th Army. Bill Simpson, 7th Div, landed at Iwon and left at Hungnam. At Hungnam, McCollam saw Pete Jacula and Howard Giebel, both 3rd Div. At Iwon, Dave Hinshaw, Engineers. At Yongdung-Po north of Seoul: Jack Schram, Tank Bn; Ferd Anderson, I Corps Eng. Sect. With McCollam, who is Brigade S-2, is David Smith as CO Brigade Hq Co. David and Bill have been in the same outfits since graduation.

Bill and Hope now have their first child, a girl, born April 3, '51, and named Ellen Dale. Hope McCollam is the sister of Wilbur Joffron; she married Bill on April 20, '47. Hope is living in Alexandria, La., while Bill is overseas. Joffron, by the way, is with the 2nd Armd Div, Ft. Hood, Texas. Wilbur is sweating out a return tour in EUCOM.

Burt Cameron, Travis AFB, AF Hosp., Suisun City, Calif., is recovering from 2nd and 3rd degree burns received when his plane ran out of fuel and he crashed in a Korean village on Feb 8, '51. He was returning from a combat mission over North Korea. Al Wedemeyer is commanding an Inf Co in the 7th Div in Korea. J. M. McGarity is with Hq, 15th Inf, APO 468, SF. Pete Arend transferred from the 187 RCT to the 24th Div as an Inf Co. Comdr in Mar '51. Charles Williams, with an Eng. Const. Gp., X Corps, is on the central Korean front. Charlie has been with this Gp since the Inchon beachhead and helped in the evacuation of the Hungnam perimeter. Previous stations: Guam, '47-'48; U. of Calif., ME '50.

Virginia Finley wrote from Macon, Ga. to let us know what Joe has been doing. They were at Ft. Campbell until Sept. when Joe was ordered to Korea to jump with the 187 RCT at Sukchon. Last January he was transferred to the 1st Cav Div and now he commands a Rifle Co. Joe has already sustained 2 minor wounds. The Finleys have two children Becky, 4, and David, 1.

Phil Clements is flying F-51's in Korea. He went last fall after graduating from Air Force Institute of Tech., Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, O. Brent and Phil have a daughter Louise. Phil saw Johnny and Pris Doolittle and their two daughters in Japan while on leave there.

Lewis Logan is with Alaskan Air Command—Flight A, 10th Rescue Sq., APO 942, Seattle, Wash. He has been there since leaving Air Institute, Wright-Patterson AFB in Sept '49. Lew's wife, the former Mildred McAllen of Phila, gave birth to a daughter Constance in Aug '50 at Elmendorf AFB Hosp. The Logans have a son Lewis, age three and a half.

Norm Stanfield married Anne Douglas Pollard on May 12, '51 in Wash, D. C. Best man was Frank Conant. Others at the wedding were George Otte and William McMaster. Norm will go to Ft. Knox, Ky. to attend the advance course at the Armored Sch. McMaster married Polly Richards on June 9, '51 at the Walter Reed Chapel, Wash., D. C.

Births: A boy, Lauren George, born Feb '51 at Fort Riley, Kansas, to Lauren and Helen DuBois; A girl, Amanda, born Jan 25, '51 at Ft. Riley to Robert and Pat Steele; a boy, Robert, Jr., born in Puerto Rico to Robert and Hilda Hughes; a boy, born at Ft. Riley to Kent and Marjorie Keehn; a child, born at Ft. Riley to Bill Kaliff and his wife. Saul Horowitz and his wife have a daughter, Mary Elizabeth, born April 12, '51 at the Station Hosp., Ft. Belvoir, Va. Barney Marberger's wife gave birth to twin boys on May 1, '51. Barney is out of the Army and now works with his father in Norristown, Pa. Bill and Mary Jane Stone announce the arrival of a daughter, Elizabeth Henry, born on Mar 1, '50, at the Station Hosp., Ft. Campbell, Ky. Tippy Dye has two children, Topper, age 3, and Susan, age 1. Jim Welsh (Korea) has two daughters, Judy, age 2, and Bobbie, age 4 months.

Anne Pennington wrote about a '46 cocktail party in Feb at the O.C., Albuquerque (Albuq), N. M.: 26 were present. Anne also included a list of dependents and assignments, as follows: Louis Elsaesser, Edgewood Arsenal, daughter Patricia Lyn, age 3; Bill and Nancy Schneider, Okinawa, Cal Tech, Albuq., active in Post Little Theater; Jim and Edith Inskeep, son 7 months, married on Saipan, Guam, Bliss, Albuq.; Ray and Marion Boyd, Benning, Aberdeen, White Sands, U. of Penna., Sandia; Ralph and Anne Pennington, son age 2½, Edgewood, Treasure Is., Oak Ridge, Annapolis PG, Stanford, Albuq.; Bud and Alice Cahill, son 2½, Williams Fld., Ariz., Brooks Fld, Tex., Langley Fld, Va., Keessler Fld, Miss., Little Creek, Va., U. of Chicago; Jack and Harriet Cairns, Benning, Japan, Camp Campbell, Civilian Feb 6, '50; Bob and Elinor Stewart, son 3, daughter 1½, Enid, Tampa, Dayton, Biloxi, Albuq.; Ben and Billy Brown, boy on Nov 1, '48, girl Sep 1, '50, Benning, Sill, Bliss, Campbell, Japan 11th AB; Mary and Ken Chapman, Enid, Salina, Alaska, Japan, England, El Paso, Albuq.; Milada and Merl Hutto, son 2, Enid, Tucson, Panama City, Tucson, Albuq.; Barb and Joe McKinney, girl 2, son ½, Enid, Salina, Alaska, El Paso, Albuq.; Sue and Si Hunt, Enid, Salina, Alaska, England, El Paso, Albuq.; Lee and Walt Hamilton, girl 2, son 5 months, Sill, Bliss, Korea, Japan, Bliss, Sandia; Jean and Earl Van Sickle, son 1½, Enid, Salina, Sandia; Bobbe and Al Torgerson, son 1, Sandia; Vance and Bill Mendenhall, two girls,

3 and 1, Sill, Bliss, Korea, Bliss, Sandia; Dick Bacon, BOQ, Sill, Bliss, Saipan, Guam; Emily and Don Wilson, married Sep 16, '50, Enid, Roswell, Sandia; Nancy and Mac MacWilliams, girl 1, Enid, Ft. Worth, Sandia.

Louis Creveling is a pilot for the 11th AB, Ft. Campbell, Ky. With the 11th are: Stratis, Bn S-2; Dick Kenny; Gillig; Tony Westolowski and Richmond as Co. Comdrs; John Stannard, with G-3, Div Hq. Louis said Posvar has a son, born in Dec '50. At McGuire AFB, Trenton, N. J. are: Jim Miller, Mo Weber, and Twill Newell, all flying F-94's, 2nd Ftr. Sq.; also Max Feibelman with Wing Hq. Newell was assigned after a tour in Korea, the others from Stateside stations.

At the U. of Illinois: To receive their M.S.'s in August: Dorney, Epstein, Gerardo, Myer, Perwich, Putzer and Shattuck. One more year to go: Lew Allen, Bennett, Scharre, Schulke, Sterling, Bob Wright, and Bill Hall. Guided missile men: Jim Hoey, Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, Ala; Jack Grace, Wash, D. C.; Art Hansen, Schenectady, N. Y. Larry Miller is at the Rocket Center, Redstone Arsenal.

Correction: Jack Whitener is with the 504th AIR not the 509th as mentioned in April '51 issue of this column. With Jack are Harold DeMoya and Joe Rogers. With 505th AIR is Jim Egan. Lew Tixier and Frank Richter are in a Tank Bn attached to the 82nd AB Div, Ft. Bragg. The A-NAF Journal states that Frank has been relieved from asg to Inf. and is now asg to Armor.

Willis Cronkhite, Hq 34th FA Bn, Ft. Dix, N. J. has two sons, Willis III, age 4, and Don, age 8 months. His assignment is that of Adjutant of Bn plus Hq Btry Comdr and S-2. Tony Cucolo is Adj of 60th Inf Regt.; Gigante is a Co. Comdr in the 60th; Bud David is S-3 of the 26th FA Bn. These three are at Dix and are married.

With the 325th AIR, 82nd AB Div, on TDY at Ft. Benning; Eddie Collins, Jerry Collins, Walt Dumas, C. M. (Bill) Simpson, Bob Shoemaker, Al Wood, Al Leavitt, Kyle Bowie, and John Whitmore. Only bachelors are Leavitt and Whitmore. Marie and Eddie Collins have two children, a daughter, Mary Lee, born Oct 22, '48 in Vienna, and a son, E. J., Jr., born Aug 14, '50 at Chelsea Naval Hosp, Mass. Earl Dye has been transferred from Camp Carson, Colo to the 82nd AB Div, Ft. Bragg. Glatthorn and Stidham completed the Graduate course of Petroleum Eng. in June at the U. of Pitt. Glatthorn has been assigned to the N.Y.Q.M. Procurement Agency, and is stationed at Caven Pt, N. J. Stidham has been assigned to the Supply Div., Office of the Q.M. General.

Engineers at Fort Leonard Wood in the Ozarks: Jack Becker, married, Co. Comdr, 6th Armd Div; Dave Brown, single, Co. Comdr, 6th Armd Div; Levi Brown, married June '51, instructor in demolitions; George Devens, married, daughter, heads the floating bridge committee; Dan Leininger, with G-3 as a training inspection officer; Louie Rose, Co Comdr, 20th Brigade; Bill Pence, trans to CE from SC, Co Comdr, Combat Command A, wife and 2 children live in Lebanon, Mo., 40 miles from the post; Dave Sheppard, single, S-4 for CCA; Bud Sterling heads the Bailey Bridge Committee, Bud and Commie live a block from the Pences in Lebanon (453 Norwood St.); Bill Wray, married, daughter, Co Comdr, CCA.

Seen at Ft. Campbell, Ky., by Bob Arnold last fall; Milt Hamilton, Herb Flather, Steve Henry, Jim Day, Jack Hoefling, Rocky Stone, Frank Blazey (now in Korea), Andy Lamar, Bob Isbell, Frank Tucker and Bob White (now an aide in Heidelberg, Germany). Bob Patterson and Walter Frankland are at Ft. Riley after a tour at the Communications Sch, Ft. Benning. Larry Ingham accompanied Gen. Irving, Supt., USMA, to West Point, as his Aide-de-Camp.

Harry Roddenberry (ROTC instructor) and Bill Studer (studying nuclear physics) are at North Carolina State.

Dick Patterson, 502 W. Queen Lane, Phila, 44, is working for the Brown Instrument Div., Minneapolis Honeywell Regulator Co. Dick was retired for physical disability on May 31, '50, at Valley Forge Gen. Hosp. He married Madeleine Thompson, a nurse at the hospital. John Donahue, 4360 Ludwick St, Pittsburgh 17, is now manager of the Pitts. offices of King Merritt and Co., Inc., a N. Y. brokerage firm. His family includes 3 children, two girls and one boy. Warren Hearn is a Missouri State Representative. He is a member of the following committees, Missouri House of Representatives: Agriculture, Judiciary, Flood Control and Soil Conservation, Unemployment Compensation, Univ. and School of Mines, and Military and Veterans Affairs.

Lloyd Adams, resigned Jan '50, is in Vanderbilt Law Sch. He and Betty Rose joined a party at Campbell when Arnold was there. Joy Blazey is in Great Neck, now that Frank is overseas. Ben Boyd, 1st Cav Div, Korea, is now convalescing from wounds at Percy Jones Gen Hosp. With Bob Arnold at the U. of Va. Law Sch are Tom McBryde (in his 2nd yr) and Bill Porter. Bob was unable to get to the reunion because exams were held at the time. If anyone is in Dallas, Texas, soon, call Bob at Lakeside 4459. He is clerking there for the summer months. Dick and Sue Fuller are the parents of their second child, first daughter, named, Susan Paige, born at Ft. Meade, Md. Dick is a Co. Cmdr. in a Tank Co.

Steve Matejov has received a Silver Star in Korea. Kirk Williams is a Major in SAC. Pete Arend died in combat while leading his company on the attack. Charlie Wesolowsky is missing in action, as reported in a June 11 paper. Bill Ashby works for a textile manufacturer and lives in Gastonia, N. C. at 911 S. York. Rolly Dessert wrote from Korea (187 RCT) to inform us that he expects to return to the States soon. The Desserts have three children, Rolly Jr, Ross, and 1 girl, Claire. Dottie is at 117 Wilson Dr. Camellia Apts, Ft. Benning.

Mrs. John R. Steele, (John's mother), 814 Holton, Bellaire, Texas, near Houston, wrote a letter with many interesting notes. Apparently she still gets *Assembly* and enjoys keeping up with class news. Mrs. Steele asks that any classmates, who go down there, call on her. She is listed in the Houston phone book.

Rojo Williams is missing in action in Korea, since July or Aug '50. Rojo and Johnny Steele flew together at Langley in '47, and it was Rojo who brought John home. On Dec 2, '50, Bruce Shawe went down; that is all I know about it.

Willie Persons is back from Germany with his wife and daughter and is attending Law Sch at Harvard. Dick Lynch, now a civilian, his wife, and 2 sons (one named for John Steele) live in Milwaukee, where Dick works for Western Metal Specialty. Dick and John were wives at the Point. Tom Gee, his wife Kathy, and their daughter are in Austin, Texas where Tom is going to Law Sch at the U. of Texas.

Jim Convey got married recently at Ft. Sill. John Stannard got married on May 26, '51, in Nashville, Tenn. Don Albright (recently with 187 RCT, Korea) married Capt. Barbara Kulas, AF Flight Nurse, on May 21, '51, in the Cadet Chapel at West Point. Wade Kingsbury was best man. Jim Elliott and his wife have 2 sons and live in Macon, Ga., where Jim is going to Law Sch. Bill Bowley got married in 1947 to Claire Parker at Ft. Bliss. Bill trans to AF from CAC in Feb '50. He completed flight training on May 12, '51 and is now at Bolling Fld flying multi-engine aircraft. Lynn Hos-

kins got married last year and is due to report to Ellington AFB this July. Harry and Marie Smythe have a daughter 3 mo old. Mike Sanger and George Otte are stationed in the Pentagon. Mike has two children, Carol, 2½ yrs, and Mike, 3 mos. Prentice Whitlock is working on his PhD at Columbia.

Your reporter Sam France has been trans once again by The Carborundum Co. I am going to sell Coated Abrasives (sandpaper) in a sales territory with headquarters in Houston, Texas. As soon as I locate living quarters I'll publish a new address. In the meantime all news can be mailed to me c/o The Association of Graduates, West Point, or 21 Parkview Ct, White Plains, N. Y.

Class Fund: Alvin Ash gets special mention for his \$5 contribution, Frank Richter for his \$4 contribution, and Bob Ahlers for his \$2 check. Jim Miller gave me an idea to pass on to you. He collected a dollar from 3 others and forwarded a single check to cover all 4 men. Why not do the same. If you know several classmates that have not mailed a class fund dollar to me then why not send one collective check? I can return individual receipts or a group receipt depending on addresses given me. The class fund totals \$56.50 as of Jun 8, '51 and is now in a savings account in the First National Bank, Highland Falls, N. Y. Since I am moving to Houston it has been decided to appoint a treasurer at West Point. Thereafter the class fund treasurer will always be a man stationed at W.P. In the meantime class fund checks can still be mailed to me or one of the men at West Point. Just ask that man to let me know, because for the time being I am still responsible for keeping records of who has paid.

—S. E. H. F.

## 1947

Al Geraci, just rotated from Korea, dropped in to see me in Cleveland several weeks ago. Al and his family are off on a leave and he then hopes to be stationed in New Jersey. Willy Munroe and Ted Mock completed the Squadron Officers Course at Maxwell AFB in April. Munroe is assigned to the Public Information Office at West Point and is currently staying at the Thayer. J. L. Kennedy was in the class right behind Mock and Munroe at Maxwell, and is with a SAC outfit at Bolling. Harold Eberle has been at Princeton for a year working on his masters in Aero. Engineering and expects to graduate in June 1952. His address there is: Lt. H. J. Eberle, 415-A Devereux Avenue, Princeton, N. J. Eberle says that Coolbaugh and Murrin have been at the U. of Michigan studying for their masters in Guided Missiles. Kaericher and Heironimus are at Ohio State studying Nuclear Physics, Eberle believes.

A note from "Lee" Bass says he had a short tour in Korea, later moving to Sendai and Yokohama. In April he was assigned as Ass't. Chief of Operations for the Military Railway Service in Japan. Lee expected (in April) to return to the States soon where his temporary address is: 1st Lt. Calvin L. Bass, c/o Mr. H. P. Bass, Jr., Package Research Laboratory, Lakeland, Florida. Lee and his wife, Bobbie, have a boy, Steven, and are expecting a second this summer. As of April, Dick Allen and Frank Meadows were in Yokohama and George Levenback at Sasebo, Japan.

Howie Sargent's address is: 1st Lt. Howard L. Sargent, Co. B 1st Engr. Cmbt. Bn., APO No. 1, c/o P.M., New York, New York.

George Levenback has been at Sasebo since July 4, 1950. After six months of working day and night he says that his particular

job is running smoothly. As adjutant of Sasebo Port, George has seen Perkins and Lange pass through. In May, when his letter was written, Jacobson, Jim Johnson, Dexter, McAdoo, Bing Perry, Henry Sullivan, Starobin and Krause were awaiting shipment home. Bill Carpenter and Norm Rosen are back in the States and will probably wind up as instructors at Benning and Belvoir, respectively. Levenback's address is: 1st Lt. George Levenback, Sasebo Port, 8156th A.U., APO No. 27 c/o P.M., San Francisco, Calif.

Dick Littlestone sends a letter from Germany bringing us up to date on a good many classmates over there: Howie Sargent, 1st Engineer (Combat) Battalion, Darmstadt; John Culin, 16th Infantry Regiment, Nurnberg (Dick hasn't seen him for a year); Louis Rachmeler—married last year—somewhere around Nurnberg; G. G. Kent, EUCOM (Signal) Hq at Heidelberg; Willie Williams was injured in Korea recently.

Dick attended the March 16th dinner at Stuttgart. He says, "There were six of us: Don Steining and Hal Richardson, 7845 Ordnance Group; Joe Addison, Hq Co, 7th Army; Jim Egger, Aide to Maj. Gen. Collier, CG Stgt Military Post; and K. D. Reel, 7th Army Artillery Section. Tom Hayes has been here with Div Arty, coaching the football team last year; John Paules and Bob Curtis at the 33rd FA Bn. John was aide to Gen. Hart, CG Div Arty for about a year. Gen. Hart let him go home to get married to Jo Ann Michaelis, and then come back with her. Bob Montague and Reel were with the 7th FA Bn. Bob is now with D in Arty S-3 Section. Wally Nickel is in the 5th FA Bn—married a long time now. See Ozier and Haldane and Tavzel quite often. They are in the 18th Inf. our RCT. Saw Jim Mattern a couple of weeks ago. He used to be in 1st Signal Co. now at Hanau Signal Depot—still batching. Frank Boerger is in 1st Engrs. with Sargent and Pete Karter. Frank has been Adjutant, Howie in S-3 and Pete had a company last summer"

Dick himself married in June 1948, just in time to get travel orders for his wife, Doris, to go to Germany with him. The telegram of confirmation was picked up in Des Moines, Iowa, on their way to Fort Hamilton from their wedding at their home; Los Angeles. Now Dick has a son, Jr., who was born November 24 (Thanksgiving) 1949. He has been with the 32nd F.A. Bn (105 How) since arrival in Germany August 1948. He spends about half of his time at home and half on maneuvers—usually in Grafenwohr (the Wehrmacht's Siberia).

Dick says further that he has had a wonderful opportunity for travel. He has been in Germany for 2½ years—"... thought we were going home and couldn't go anywhere else, but you know we all extended our tours for another year". So far he has been to France, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Italy, Switzerland and, of course, through many parts of Germany, but he says there isn't much left above ground.

Jim Edington writes that the "big news with all of us who have been in the Orient these long years is that we are all on the way back to the old U.S. finally. 'Rotation' is the word for it. I myself was 'rotated' early this month and am enjoying a 30 day leave here at my home in Hawaii. Others who were rotated—Stu Fone, who was with the 24th Inf Regt nearly three years, Sam Starobin and MacAdoo, who were with the 65th Engineers all this time".

Jim says the following were still with the 25th Inf Division when he left: Ike Snyder, an Ordnance officer in Division headquarters, Mahowald, Regt'l S-3 for an Inf Regt and Bob King, who took his job as Bn S-2 when he left. Before that Bob has spent six months in Kyoto hospital with yellow jaundice before he was shipped back.

Jim goes on to say, "I saw Bob Short, Koch and Bill Brown early in March in Tokyo. They were in the 5th RCT in Korea but were pulled out to go to school (Artillery) at Ft. Sill. I saw Krause at Sasebo in Japan in the pipeline. He got his captaincy just before he was rotated. I believe he is going to go to an airborne unit in the States. Also saw Jim Johnson at the same time. He is also a captain and was with the 5th RCT as Krause was. He, too, was being rotated. I saw Meade Wildrick while in Tokyo in March. He was a general's aide, I believe. Bob Peckham and wife passed through Honolulu on their way to the States last week. Bob got a bad knee in a fall last winter from a tank during the withdrawal when the Chinese first hit us. He is assigned to an Armored unit at Camp Campbell, Ky. Wayne Hauck is the only classmate I know of here in Hawaii. He is adjutant for the Hawaiian Inf Trng Center out at Schofield Barracks. Milum Perry went back to the States early in April as one of the first rotatees"

June Burner, our class' first feminine contributor writes: "Jean and I are fresh from a weekend spent at the Point, to take in a few of the June Week festivities; and we thought some of '47 might be interested to know who we saw there. Bill Mahlum is stationed there, an I&E and Range officer with the 1802nd Special Regiment. He and Mary and their two children, Susan and Stephen, live in Highland Falls and will be most happy to see any classmates who may be passing through. Wallie Veaudry just arrived and is Tactical officer of I-2 company. He and his wife, Pauline, and their daughter, Paula, are living in Ft. Montgomery at present. Bill Munroe is also stationed there as PIO officer. Also present for June Week activities were Norm Rosen and Wally Griffith. The above mentioned fellows plus Jean comprised the Class of '47 present, as far as we know. Jean is still Personnel Officer of the 60th Infantry here at Ft. Dix, and, as far as we know, the only '47er stationed here. We would be very pleased to see any classmates who may be in this vicinity. Have recently heard of two births, which may be new to you. Bill and Dotty McGee just had their second child, a son, William Hardie in Yokohama, Japan; and Howie and Meg Sargent had their first child, also a son, Christopher Lee, somewhere in Germany".

From Korea, Norm Rosen writes: "Just received the January '51 issue of the *Assembly* and decided it was about time I dropped a line again. I'm with the 3d Division here in Korea and presently holding down the job of Assistant S-3 of the 10th Engineers. Also in the Division are Bernie Abrams in the 3 section of the 3rd Bn., 15th Inf. Regt; Wally Lukens and Wells Lange in the 65th Inf. Regt. In the past few months I've seen or heard from Ike Snyder in the 25th Division Ordnance, Sam Starobin, Bing Perry, and McAdoo, all of the 65th Engineers; Ken Hatch, Merling Anderson and Art Becker in the 8th Engineers, 1st Cav. Division. While in Japan on rest leave in January, I saw Ginny Jacobson and C.C., Jr. Jake is still with the 3rd Engineers, 24th Div. Regarding the list of unknown addresses, I may be able to help you on a few: Howard Sargeant, when I last heard, was with the 1st Engineers in Germany. P. J. Curry, Post Engineer, Marbo, Guam. Ken Hatch, A Co, 8th Engr, APO 201, c/o PM, San Francisco, Calif. My best regards to any of the class you may run into".

This report was ready for the mails when a letter dated April 13 arrived from Bolivia and Jay Bleiman. Jay says, "By chance I found the April 1950 issue of *Assembly* in the office of the US Army Mission to Bolivia the other day and I realized how very much I had lost contact with everyone. Reading the list of names and news about them gave me a wisp of that old nostalgia and I resolved to write immediately in the hopes

of striking up contact with old friends again and also telling a bit of what has happened to me in the last months or years". Jay says that at present he is Officer-in-Charge of the Bolivia Project of the Inter American Geodetic Survey, a military organization headquartered in Balboa, Canal Zone, under US Army Caribbean. His project is one of sixteen projects in countries of Central and South America charged with establishing a first order arc of triangulation and establishing such ground control in Central and South America as is necessary for the eventual making of aerial photomaps of that hemisphere. Jay describes his responsibilities as: "I have to carry the responsibility for all administration, supply, motor maintenance (23 vehicles with Bolivian mechanics to butcher them), diplomatic liaison with collaborating Bolivian IGM, and, of course, the technical end of the program. My Spanish has grown to fine proportions, and considering I never took a lesson, I manage to get by fairly well". Jay outlines events leading up to this present assignment by starting with his first assignment with the 7462d SU (660th Eng Topo Bn) in Panama. He was with this unit from December '48 to June '49 when the unit was deactivated. Then he went to IAGS as Asst OIC of the Haiti Project, back to Panama with IAGS Supply, to Asst. OIC of the Panama Project and finally to his own project in Bolivia in October '50. During that time he managed to get to Costa Rica, the jungles of Panama and Colombia, Haiti, Peru and Bolivia. He adds, "I also managed to break my right foot in the jungles of Colombia near the Panama border and my return to hospitalization in the Canal Zone was a 26 hour trek involving evacuation by native litter bearers, a 5 hour ride in the well of an LCM in the rough waters of the Caribbean Atlantic and a C-47 from an airstrip called Pito to the Canal Zone". Jay expects to be in Bolivia until May 1952 and would enjoy hearing from his classmates. His address is: Lt. Junius J. Bleiman, IAGS, United States Embassy, La-Paz, Bolivia.

—D. L. Tate.

## 1948

Again this column moves up a notch in order. To those of you who got back for graduation I want to say that I'm sorry to have missed you. I had planned to go but events took a different turn and so I missed that trip.

A long letter from Pat Gilliam's father tells of many of the boys in the Korean outfits. Any information from the parents, old or new, is certainly appreciated because most of us like to hear about the homes of the men we know and if at all possible it will be printed. Mr. Gilliam's letter gives the following account, "Pat was one of a group of four F-51 pilots assigned to close support of ground forces on a mission north of Taegu, Korea very early in the morning of August 22, 1950. Rodman Saville wrote us that he had breakfast with Pat that morning about 4 A.M. and that Pat was well and in good spirits when he left on the mission. They were strafing enemy trucks in a village when his aircraft was injured by enemy ground fire. Pat reported this and headed for friendly lines, flying at about 1,000 feet. The plane began to lose altitude and he radioed the Flight Leader—"I've got to get out"—. It was very dark, then about 6:30 A.M., and almost immediately the leader saw the plane hit the ground and explode about two miles behind enemy lines. Though the group buzzed the area until they were forced, by low gas supply, to return to their base, they saw no movement on the ground. On September 28, 1950, after our ground

forces had re-taken the territory, Captain Edward Sharp and Rodman Saville went to the area, found the wreckage, parachute and Pat's revolver. Through their interpreter they learned that Pat's body had been buried in a wooden box by peasants who lived nearby. They brought his remains back with them and he was buried in the United Nations Cemetery No. 2 near Taegu, Korea"

Bill Patch was wounded in December and is getting along OK, at last report. Al Quanbeck is serving as Aide to General Spivey, or was, at least. Later reports say that he has returned to the States on rotation. A letter from Punk Hartnell tells about his return to the States and he is now at the Base Hospital, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, recovering from a head wound that left him partially blind. Reports say that he will get over it. John Maple is also there as a patient. Rich Cooper is there as General Fritz's aide.

A long letter from Bill Smith from the Pacific dated in April says he saw George Rutter, George Thomas and Doody, all OK in Japan. Bob Mathis and Beuchler also reported to be all right in that vicinity. Mathis recently completed a tour as forward comptroller with one or more tight squeezes. Charlie Coons is now over there in Japan, and listed as MIA. If anyone hears anything of him please let me know. Also Seguin is missing. R. O. Barton is also in Korea, as well as George Leitner. Have heard nothing further from either of them.

Braswell is still at Otis Field flying F-86 jets. Recently Bill Dougherty and Rosencrans joined his outfit on their return from Japan, having completed their combat tours. Dougherty flew 150 missions and Rosie flew over a hundred. Bill has two children, a boy and a girl. Rod Saville also came back from Korea and is now at Larson AFB in Washington State. Jack Osteen is on his way home on rotation, as well as Ken Barber, who has completed his missions. Ben Jacobellis has extended his stay in Japan for 30 days to fill a Captain's vacancy and is trying to get the promotion. Joe Herbets is a company commander of a Signal Service Unit stationed at Pusan, getting along fine.

George Edwards married Miss Maria Amalia del Castillo, daughter of the Spanish Diplomatic Representative to Japan, at the GHQ Chapel in Tokyo. He expects to stay in Japan for another year. Any reports concerning the missing of Don McGraw evidently were wrong because he is in the 25th Infantry Division, doing quite well as a Captain and Boning Major.

I have a long letter from Jim Macklin with a long list of the various addresses and occupations of several classmates. Anyone who may be looking for someone else in the class can write to me and I may be able to help find him. It is a good list and certainly is appreciated.

Jack Peppers and Anne are still at San Angelo, where he is instructing. Sam White, Grim Locke, DiLoreto, and Bill Burrows at last report had been sent to Radar Controller school at Tyndall and held over as instructors. This was supposedly last summer and I haven't heard of them since. Otis Moore has gone through the AF Squadron Officer's School at Maxwell Field. At the same time Don Swenholt and Frankie were there with a new baby boy. Both are stationed at Tucson with Dick Miner, Denny Long, and possibly Blaine Butler. Ben Eakins and Charlie Shook are still in Albuquerque. Ben is married. Also at Sandia are Charlie French and Tom Clark.

That just about covers the latest news for this time. Thanks for the news and reports. May you all have a good summer and let's hear from you.

—Charley Nash,  
Alderson, West Virginia.

1949

Since the last issue of *Assembly*, Gus has appointed me the Class Representative. I hope that in the future you, and your wives, will keep the letters coming so that we can keep our classmates notified of your whereabouts. Please direct your letters to John I. Saalfeld, 700 Hyde Avenue, Ridgway, Pennsylvania. And now for the news.

I suppose that most of you have heard or read about the article which Terry Hardaway, Tom's wife, wrote, and which was published in the June 9th issue of the *Saturday Evening Post*, "We Are the Widows of West Point '49". Terry wrote me before the article was published and I think we as a class ought to congratulate her for her fine article and tribute.

Here's the news from Korea:—Sally Coghlan wrote that Jim is now with the 187th Airborne Regimental Combat Team in Korea. Also there with him in the 187th are Dene Balmer, Ward Goessling and Boyd Allen. Doug Bush was with them too but was killed leading a platoon after the Munsan jump. He had been assigned with the 187th on temporary duty from the Air Force. Apparently Doug's exploits have become a legend with the 187th. Also comes word from Korea that Bob Ritchey died of wounds on April 3, 1951, north of Seoul. Ed Hindman, who is with the 93rd Engineer Construction Battalion, wrote that his particular job is to build a 3,000 bed hospital for PWs. Also with him are Gilbreth, Schulz and Strohecker. Pat Forrest, John's wife, writes that John is with the 1st Cavalry Division in Korea and received the Silver Star for defending a hill position on September 14th and 15th, and received it again for conspicuous gallantry on October 12th. He was directly responsible for knocking out 6 anti tank guns and 50 of the retreating enemy. Joe Eagers reports that for the past six weeks he has been aide to General J. S. Bradley, who is Commanding General of the 25th Division. Engineers Avery Fullerton, Pat Donohoe, N. O. Schmidt and Townsley are also in the Division. Jack Ryan, who is along the Han River, said that Stu Martin is with a Tank Battalion as a platoon leader. Jack saw Terry Powers about a month ago in charge of an engineering platoon headed for the Han. Goble Bryant is with a 155mm Howitzer Battalion and is still full of football stories. Ed Ross is with a 155mm Howitzer Battalion and, after many months, is still a Forward Observer. Dick Craig is a Platoon Leader in the same Battalion as Jack. George Stukhart is in Pusan with the 2nd Log. Command, and Pat Vollmer had just returned from Hungnam with Chuck Lee. Seth Day was reported to be in the hospital for a brief stay with a skin infection. Harry Maihafer was wounded with the 21st Infantry and when he returned to duty was selected as junior aide to General Bryan, Commanding General of the 24th Division. Jack also writes that he and Weedie are the proud parents of a second girl, Kathleen Keegan, born January 23, 1951. Jack wants to know if he's the first to have two girls. Carver Wood is with the 1st Cavalry Division and Dick Fitzgerald is with the 7th Division, Jack thinks. Also word comes from Korea that Don Gower was awarded the Silver Star while assigned to a Field Artillery Battalion. He distinguished himself by gallantry in action against the enemy on September 30, 1950. Don has been with Lou Bauman for the past few months. Tom Mullen wrote that Bill Wadsworth was fatally wounded in Korea last December. He died in Japan and that his body has been returned to his home in Alabama. At the present time Tom believes Bill's wife and baby girl are living with his parents. A line from Harvey Heckman says that Ted Marley, Seth Day and Stan Bush are with him in the 1st Cavalry Division, sweating out rotation. The

Heckman's had a daughter on January 31, 1951 at the West Point Hospital, named Karen Louise. We have news that Herbert Marshburn was missing in action as of December 2, 1950. He received the Silver Star for gallantry in action on November 30th. Dave Freeman has received the Bronze Star. I received a long letter from Bill Armstrong in Japan who wrote that Bob Butler, Jim Spry and himself are the only ones left with the 27th Fighter Group. Bill says that all of them have had over 100 missions since they entered the Korean war in early December. "Dip" Barnes got shot down on April 22, 1951 while leading a flight of 4 F-84's. He was seen to bail out and land safely but landed right in the midst of the Communist build-up area, where the big push began on the following day. Nine fighters and 2 helicopters got shot up trying to rescue him. "Dip" was awarded the DFC posthumously. Frank Wolak wrote that he and Fred Gallagher saw Harry Griffith.

Now for some news from the other parts of the world. Bob Noce wrote that he was married to Mary Louise Taylor in Heidelberg, Germany, last September. Ushers were "Red" Mackenzie, Neal Judd, Dick Connell and Russ Lamp—all from nearby engineering units. Bob says that he is in the Constabulary with Charlie Roebuck, Joe Yeats and Bob Rose. Also in his regiment are Dean Teece, Art Mayer, Jim Lampros, Chuck Spettel and Bob Liichow. He says that he saw Jack Rust, Tom Stockton, Jim Rath and Ted Hervey during maneuvers. Barbara Ann Noce was born on the 15th of May. Paul Fleri wrote from Karlsruhe, Germany, that he had seen Bob and Helen Kimball, Bill and Nan Luebbert, and Matt Lampell down in Stuttgart, Germany. Paul and Jeanne have a daughter, Jeanne Marie, born last September. Ben Sheets writes that he was married to Jane Forman at Florence, Italy on March 26, 1951. Tom Coughlin, Bruce Peters, Phil Feir, Lou and Prissy Bayard, Tut and Shirley Hendricks and Pete Palmer are all with the 251st Infantry. Ed Marks says that it has been plenty cool at Fort Richardson, Alaska. He is in the 96th AAA Bn.—with him are Gil Kirby, Red Ronald, Willie Marfuggi and Johnny Latimer. Sid Colson is in Alaska also.

Word has been received from Chuck Heiden that he is in Panama and assigned to F Company of the 45th Mechanized Cavalry, with Joe Pingitore in A Troop and Tom Oberst in C Troop. Chuck says that Bob Gilroy and Bill Hiestand were in Panama, but now have been transferred to an Infantry Training Regiment in Puerto Rico. Carl Fitz, Tom Burt and Art Driscoll are also in training in Panama.

Word from Stateside has it that a daughter was born to Suzan and Tilton Willcox, May 1, 1951 at the Army Hospital at San Antonio, Texas. John Walter reports from Maxwell Air Force Base that Malcolm Agnew, Dale Eaton, John Ike, Ralph Daugherty, and he are now attending the squadron officers course. Two other '49ers who have completed the squadron school are Jack Hammack, who has returned to Perrin Air Force Base, Texas, and Dave Hendrickson, who has returned to Otis Air Force Base, Massachusetts. Founder's Day dinner was held in the Officers' Club at Maxwell Field with Dave Hendrickson, Jack Hammack and John Walter representing our class. Dick and Lois Bauman are the proud parents of a daughter born on May 2nd. John and Alliene Walter are the proud parents of a son, born in December. John also reports that Bucky Green is flying F-84's in England, and that Carolyn and Malcolm Lewis, stationed in Germany, have a daughter, born in December. Lou Cassler writes that he is still stationed at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois, as a staff pilot. He writes that Jim Marr is now at Carswell Air Force Base. Leon McCrary is an instructor at Vance Air

Force Base and Ray Crites, Bill Dederich, Roy Brunhart, Bill Gardner, Abbott Greenleaf, Milt Kramer, John Reed and Bob Shebat are also instructors at Reese Air Force Base, Lubbock, Texas. Punch Jamison, Amos Gillette, Tom Mosny and one of the White brothers are at Connolly Air Force Base, Waco, Texas as instructors also. Diane Jensen reports that Bo Callaway, Gene Marder, Reed Jensen, Johnny Hayes, Bob Fallon and A. G. Brown have all returned from Korea and are now instructors at the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia. Gerry Lauer has been at Benning but left a few months ago for Korea and is now assigned to the 7th Division. Penny St. Clair, who is living in Highland Falls, New York writes that Joe is in Korea and hopes to get home this summer. They have a new daughter, Sharon, born last December. She reports that Zeke Yacker and Jan have, as far as we know, the first twins in the Class, Lindy Sue and William Everett, born in May. Zeke and Art Underwood are both hospitalized in Japan with yellow jaundice. The Swetts have a new daughter, born at the station hospital at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, in April. Art Kingdom left Tokyo for Fort Lewis, Washington, and has been assigned as aide to General Poole. Arthur Joseph Kingdom, III was born in March.

I might add that the godson is now walking and trying his best to talk faster than his parents. He really keeps us jumping during the waking hours. I suppose that all of you who have children (and certainly we have plenty in the class now) are experiencing the same ordeals.

Keep the news rolling in as fast as you get the inspiration to write. I am trying to keep a record of all of your addresses, so, if nothing more, send me a postal letting me know where you are and what you are doing.

—Saalfeld.

1950

And we're off. As you know, the last issue was cut short, but now we're back in the swing of things again. All the news now is for the period from February 16 to June Week.

Let's take an extended trip on the USS 1950 to all parts of the world and find out what's going on.

Going against all MIT procedure, I'm going to start off with the bad news from Korea first. Those that have gone ahead of us in the "Advance Party" are Pat Green, Jim Michel, Tom Boydston, and Frank Christensen. (No more, please God.) Those that have been listed as missing are "Doc" Watson, Bob Cox, and George Foster, all with the 7th Div. The latest to be wounded, and we hope they are ok now, are Paulger, Bolte (an aide in Japan), Mangas, Fahey, Klie (in the hospital at Devens), Dielens (with the AAA), Tate (also at Devens), Sharp (another one at Devens), Reese and Stanton.

I have many letters from the boys over there, and everyone sounds as though they are all in relatively high spirits. From Eek, Warren, Stuart, Tom Sharp (40th Div in Japan), John Howard, Reinken, C. C. Martin (also a letter from his mom), Holcomb and Hendry; from Lee Werner and Robin DeGraf (they live with Pris Glenn in San Fran.); from Alice Small, Pat Mitcham, June Reese, Mary Fran Langren, Helen Kohler; plus the "Daily Stok" of D-2, the "Newsletter" of M-2 and the "C Company" of C-1 we've been able to compile a list of the whereabouts of the following: in the 2nd are John Murphy (DSC); Steinberg

("he's on the way home", Louise), Geo. Shaffer and Monfore; in the 3rd are Galiffa (aide to Gen. Ridgway), Butler (DSC), Edwards, Warren, Fahs, John Howard, Smithers (SS and aide to Gen. Mead), Langren (SS), Tuttle, Pick, Milia, Mangas, Mather, Graham, Eek, and Ed Kennedy (SS); in the 7th are Koehler, Harrold, Holcomb, Lange, McDaniels, Reinhart, Zeke Jones, and Elchorn; with the 1st Cav are Duggins, Bolte (also an aide), Dave Hughes, Trayers and West; with the 24th are Fahey, Warner, Prichard, Ufner, Sailor, Kellum (POW, Jan 1), DeGraf and Lee. The Engineers that are building Pratt trusses are Carlyle, Bob Green, Boylan, Werner, Glenn, Jack Wagner, Maxwell Lewis, Lear, G. P. Kelly, and Art Apmann. The tankers are Nutting, Bastar, Don Miller, McDaniels, Steve Cameron, and Tilson. Back in Japan with the AA and Honor Guard respectively are Mitcham and Lamdin.

The best news is that Mastaglio (SS, now with the 101st), Friedlander (who just got married up here in May) and Driesonstok (SS) have all been rotated home. Tate (going to Bliss), Dielens, Jere Sharp, Klie, and O'Connell (to Belvoir) have recovered from their wounds and are now ready for troop duty here in the States.

As a tribute to all the gang over there I would like to mention a letter that was written to me by a senior officer, a Pointer. "Your class should be a proud class. Your actions in Korea have been proof to the older classes that the Corps has *not* gone to Hell. Men of your class were creating a fine reputation for West Point even last summer. A man named Littlefield from the Class of '50 just reported in for duty. I saw him and told him we were leaving for Korea very shortly. *He did not bat an eye, but answered smartly, 'Yes, sir, and went to work.* And now Warren C. Littlefield has joined the long grey line. But in his brief service he brought praise to West Point and earned respect beyond compare for the Class of 1950."

We leave Korea and Japan with a "hurry back home, gang" and head to Alaska. There are Ken and Mary Hall, and they greet us with the statement that they had a baby boy on January 8, 1951. The winner of the cup, I think. Can anybody beat that? Ken and Jeanne Baish write us that with the 4th RCT are Irons, DiGrazia, Baxley, Vandersluis, Pierson, Goldsmith, Buckner, Fogarty, Dethrow, Jennings (Rex), Guion, Baish, Coyle, Doughtie and Pederson. The boys from there were visited by Shorty Adams up on a VOCO from DC.

Taking a northern route to Europe we land in England, and run into Gradoville, Abbruzzi, Cragin, Mische and Jack Reese. All are with the AA protecting airstrips and waiting for the flyboys to get their silver wings this summer and join them.

Leaving England and landing on the continent a visit with the Banisters and Crawfords tells us how nice it is to live in Europe, and gives us the poop on all the boys there. O'Brien is in Ludwigsburg and the boys and girls in Stuttgart are the Wondolowskis, Bob Hughes, and Rogers, with O'Quinn, Kuckhan and Greer floating around in Germany. Between the Banisters, Crawfords, and Buccolos, Rome was visited during Holy Year and then a trip or two to Paris. Kindig and Waddell have left Stuttgart to join the 1st Div, and Wassenberg, Tullidge, and the Reed Davis' have left to go to the 17th Sig Opns Batt.

Entering the American Zone of Austria a visit with the Bill Hinds' informs us that the Singers, the Nelsons, the Fergusons, and Dick Lunger are the class reps in that area.

Taking leave of Europe and traveling to the Caribbean, we see many classmates and

wives waving to us from the shore, the McCranes, Schnoors, Viskochils, Austins, and bachelors J. J. Fox and Johnnie Hall.

Back in the States a well earned leave is necessary after our extensive inspection trip of the troops overseas—so off we go in our plane, the B-NO, and head for sunny California. The Sid Wrights greet us at Fort Ord along with Lougheed, they tell us that Dunn and the Bardos' had been there but have left to go to Breckinridge, Ky.

Winging our way eastward and to Chandler AFB, Arizona, a hat full of the boys meet us at Base Op. Those present are: Borman, Brunson, Dave Cameron, Clement, DeArmond, Dennis, Dille, Earnhart, Etz, Goodman, Joe Green, Hemenway, Hoover, Ingram, Kaseman, Kimes, Knott, Leavitt, Leiser, Maresca, McCormick, McCoy, McGee, Moll, Patterson, Payne, Pettigrew, Leichty, Prosser, Ray, Lorette, Todson, Williams, McCutcheons, Slade, Tar Tisdale, Pohli, Ableman, Vilsades, Ritterman, Willerford and Fuller. Wow, what a crowd!!!

Arriving in Texas we plan to go to Bliss, Lubbock, and Houston. At Bliss with the FA and AA are Knauer, Jacobson, Palmer, Gaffney, WRB Jones, Donahue, Bohn and Jack Roehms. Charlie Bell and Tom Ball had been there but have gone back to the 11th at Campbell. Lubbock finds Cody, Gallagher, Kuyk, Newton, Sweidel, Francis Thompson, Todd and Dick Drury. On flying to Houston, we pass San Antonio and see that Jack and Pookie Crittenberger are doing a bang up job aiding Gen. Gay. In Houston, on hand to meet us, are the Nicholsons, Whittings, Meltons, Gillhams, Bud White, Morrisey and Veley. I know that there are more in Houston—send me the word.

Heading north to Riley we stop at Enid, Okla. to refuel and find sitting around the Officer's Club the Novaks, Aton, Creighton, Bennie Davis, Faurer, Gottesman, Cully Mitchell, Dick Nelson, Henry, Hester, Kinner, York, Cloar, Reinch, the Schwoobs, the Stephensons, R. R. Smith, Walsh, Watson, Pennekamp, Thomas, and Zagorski.

At Riley, Pat and Elaine Wilson tell us of the wonderful job Andy McFarland did at the West Point dinner as the goat and youngest speaker. Also present at Riley are the Slavins and Red Ruppel. Red has been at Hot Springs for six months receiving treatment for his back—hope you get back to the troops soon, Red.

Heading for Georgia and stopping at Selma, Ala., for a party we find Hal and Sally Strickland entertaining, and those present are the Currys, Scotts, Rushings, McCauleys, Nibleys, Rogers, Streits, and Casserly and Cooley.

Dropping into Benning (via parachute for jump pay) we attended a BYOL party at Warren Webster's—a rehearsal for the West Point dinner was going on. All the boys from the 325 AIR and the 4th Div were there and really enjoying themselves. Those present were Weaver, Hammond, Gorman, Sealy, Rounds, Lougheed (on a visit from California), Harper, Hirsh, Parks (the last three being on the faculty at the Infantry School), John Green, Webster (naturally), Ray Barry, Hayes, Schooper, Love, Spence, Mangum and Matthey. 'Twas a fine party.

Heading back to West Point we stopped in Hampton, Va., to see Russ Leggett and Stud Heit. Russ said that Amen and Slay were at Lubbock as instructors, and that Duncan was with MATS up in Springfield, Mass.

Stopped by Washington to see the "wheels" and discussing the future of the world over their morning coffee were Wyrrough, Reybold, Thompson, Adams, Lewandowski, and Ebner.

Back to West Point. Galiffa blew in here on emergency leave in early April and then

headed back to Korea; and he started the pilgrimage of boys coming by to see the troops. Chuck Friedlander got married in May; Yeomans, Eastman, and Millette stopped by on their way to Germany with the 4th; Hoffman to attend his father's funeral (the class sends their deepest regrets, Dick); Stewart on a VOCO from Houston, Don and Claire Sampson on a VOCO from Bragg, the Shemwells on a change of station from Campbell to Benning (also leaving Campbell for Benning are the Fastucas and Fara-baugh), the Bargas on a change of station from Bragg to Benning (also going to Benning from Bragg are Scholl, Mayfield, Franklin, Listro, Drewry, Bashore, Gorman, Weaver and Clark Smith), Stuff getting in shape for semi-pro ball, Klie and Dielens talking about Korea to the First Class tactics class; Jim Thompson, Shorty Adams, Mastaglio, and Luckese (stationed at Rome, NY,) to see Army beat the Navy in Baseball and Track. Then on June 3, the Class held their first official reunion at West Point. The party started at the Officers Club, went to the Hotel and ended at Graystone Mansion. Those present were Bob and Sue O'Connell, Foose, TWL Hughes, Wyrrough and myself. And on the 4th the above mentioned plus Pinto, Slavins, Grow, Bloss, and Tate marched in the alumni procession.

Now for the wedding and birth announcements. First the weddings (an apology in all cases where I don't know the girl's first name): Bob and Cynthia Eastman, Bob and Marion Whiting, Tex and Shirley Gillham, Paul and Marion Wood, Don and Alice Fahey, Joe and Mary Love, Chuck and Diane Friedlander, Red and Evelyn McCoy, Phil Barger, Bob Miller, Irv and Mollie Steinberg, Bill and Betty Jo Curry, "Blackie" and Mary Bolduc, Bob Gaffney, Bill and Gretchen Bloss, and Ed Allbaugh (I ran into Ed while driving through Mississippi—so a long chat was had in the middle of a traffic intersection).

Well, the papooses have arrived. Those getting braves were: the Kuyks, Mitchams, Wagoners, Samseys, McCauleys, Germans, Halls, Tom Barrys and Leavitts. The squaws went to the Reed Davis', Gearans, Ray Hansens, O'Connells, John Howards, Genarios, Bill Hinds', Coates', Crocketts, Lockermans, Aulls, Consentinos, Worleys, and the Todsens.

Okay gang, that's for this issue. We'll be seeing you all around when the USS 1950 and the B-NO take off next time. Just keep mailing the poop to Lt. Gail F. Wilson, Special Service Office, WP, NY.

Thanks to all who have contributed to Diane Holly. She sent a note telling me to thank each and every one of you.

See you all.

—"Zero."

## 1951

Guys and Gals of '51, this opens the *Assembly Report* Section for our class. By now we are spread from coast to coast, but we have really just begun to scatter, and it's going to take each of us to keep all the rest informed of the activities of '51. So here at the beginning I am making an appeal to all of you to write any time you know of a classmate's marriage, a change of station, or any other news of interest including station assignments. Address your letters to: The Editor *Assembly*, Association of Graduates, West Point, New York. The next issue will be coming out in October, and to get us off to a complete start, I hope to be hearing from all of you, bachelors and bound alike.

—"Bucky."

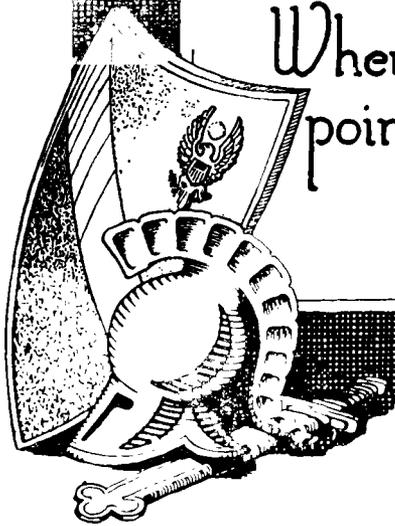
# LAST ROLL CALL

Reports of deaths of graduates and former cadets received since the publication of the April 1951 Assembly.

Name	Class	Date	Place
Charles W. Kutz .....	1893.....	January 25, 1951.....	Washington, D. C.
Edwin Bell .....	1894.....	April 30, 1951.....	Washington, D. C.
Edwin Landon .....	1896.....	April 16, 1951.....	Carmel, Calif.
Lytle Brown .....	1898.....	May 3, 1951.....	Franklin, Tenn.
George B. Pillsbury .....	1900.....	May 8, 1951.....	Ross, Calif.
Gilbert E. Humphrey .....	1907.....	June 23, 1951.....	Chicago, Ill.
Henry H. Pfeil .....	1907.....	April 4, 1951.....	Westerly, R. I.
William A. Pendleton, Jr. ....	1910.....	June 24, 1951.....	Bryn Mawr, Pa.
Joseph W. Byron .....	1914.....	April 12, 1951.....	On a Caribbean Cruise
Joseph D. Arthur, Jr. ....	1915.....	May 31, 1951.....	Washington, D. C.
Benjamin F. Manning .....	June, 1918.....	April 17, 1951.....	Tucson, Ariz.
Harry A. Montgomery .....	November, 1918.....	March 22, 1951.....	Chicago, Ill.
Hugh F. T. Hoffman .....	1919.....	April 19, 1951.....	Boston, Mass.
Courtney P. Young .....	1920.....	March 12, 1951.....	Charleston, Ill.
Kenneth R. Bailey .....	1924.....	January 14, 1951.....	Los Gatos, Calif.
Laurence K. Ladue .....	1924.....	May 24, 1951.....	Korea
William T. Kirn .....	1929.....	June 10, 1951.....	Fort Shafter, T. H.
Robert L. Coughlin .....	Ex-1935.....	April 6, 1951.....	Santa Ynez, Calif.
John A. Hine, Jr. ....	January, 1943.....	June 28, 1951.....	Camp Atterbury, Ind.
George A. Davis, Jr. ....	1944.....	October 19, 1950.....	Okinawa
Robert P. Eckert .....	1945.....	June 5, 1951.....	Near Dayton, Ohio
Raymond J. McCarrell .....	1945.....	March 2, 1951.....	Korea
Chauncey B. Vandevanter .....	1945.....	May 16, 1951.....	Nellis AFB, Las Vegas, Nev.
Dirck deR. Westervelt .....	1945.....	May 29, 1951.....	Korea
Peter G. Arend .....	1946.....	April 12, 1951.....	Korea
Reginald O. Shaw .....	1946.....	January 26, 1951.....	Near Tulsa, Okla.
Jerome B. Christine .....	1947.....	July 30, 1950.....	Korea
Herschel E. Fuson .....	1947.....	June 14, 1951.....	Middlesboro, Ky.
Raymond C. Drury, Jr. ....	1948.....	April 12, 1951.....	Korea
Samuel S. Coursen .....	1949.....	October 10, 1950.....	Korea
Roger J. Kelly .....	1949.....	September 28, 1950.....	Korea
William R. Penington .....	1949.....	March 11, 1951.....	Korea
Robert B. Ritchie .....	1949.....	April 3, 1951.....	Korea
Thomas W. Boydston .....	1950.....	April 26, 1951.....	Korea

# *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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## “Be Thou At Peace”

<i>Name</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>	<i>Page</i>
BABCOCK, C. S.	1898	JULY 18, 1950	49
BARTLETT, L.	1905	JANUARY 7, 1951	51
BECKER, J. M.	1916	NOVEMBER 24, 1950	57
BENSON, A. L.	1950	AUGUST 1, 1950	65
BRADSHAW, W. S.	1948	NOVEMBER 11, 1950	59
BROWN, G. L., JR.	1912	OCTOBER 1, 1950	52
BUFFINGTON, R. M.	1949	AUGUST 12, 1950	61
CLARK, C. L.	1914	MARCH 29, 1943	52
DAVIS, C. C., JR.	1949	SEPTEMBER 13, 1950	62
FORD, H. P.	1926	APRIL 3, 1950	53
FOWLER, H. C.	1920	SEPTEMBER 7, 1950	52
GARBER, M. B.	1903	MAY 22, 1949	50
GARDNER, W.	1911	JUNE 6, 1944	51
GARVIN, R. M.	1947	FEBRUARY 3, 1951	58
GILLIAM, P.	1948	AUGUST 22, 1950	59
HOWE, L. W.	1944	JANUARY 31, 1951	55
KELLY, R. J.	1949	SEPTEMBER 28, 1950	62
LUNDY, E. G.	1947	DECEMBER 19, 1950	58
LYNCH, A. J.	1901	APRIL 1, 1950	49
MOORE, W. S., JR.	1919	JUNE 29, 1950	63
MORROW, J. W.	1945	SEPTEMBER 1, 1950	55
MUNKRES, J. N.	1946	AUGUST 15, 1950	57
MYERS, D. E.	1945	NOVEMBER 7, 1950	56
NELSON, J. M.	1948	AUGUST 10, 1950	60
ROSS, T. K.	1948	NOVEMBER 6, 1950	61
WARE, H. W., JR.	1919	NOVEMBER 5, 1950	63
WATSON, H. L.	1907	APRIL 1, 1917	51
WILBUR, W. H., JR.	1919	SEPTEMBER 6, 1950	61

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## Conrad Stanton Babcock

NO. 3857 CLASS OF 1898

DIED JULY 18, 1950, AT HOT SPRINGS,  
ARKANSAS, AGED 74 YEARS.

CONRAD STANTON BABCOCK was born February 26, 1876 in Stonington, Connecticut. His father, John Breckenridge Babcock, a Civil War veteran, was then a Captain in the 5th Cavalry stationed on the Western Plains and his mother, Blandina Stanton, was a Stonington girl.

From his earliest days Conrad Babcock absorbed the spirit and traditions of the Army and developed a passionate love for its honor, standards and spirit of service that never left him.

His boyhood in western Cavalry posts developed in him a liking for, and expertness in, the qualities that made the old Cavalryman so self-reliant and effective in the field. Long hours day after day on his Indian pony gave him the start in horsemanship that was to culminate in his becoming one of the Army's best horsemen. Frequent practice marches with his father's troops, including a march from Ft. Robinson, Nebraska to Ft. Riley, Kansas, when he was only eight years old, taught him to enjoy the open and to become an enthusiastic camper and hunter. Early practice on the target range enabled him as a young officer to become a member of the Cavalry-Engineer Rifle Team and win the coveted Distinguished Marksman's Badge. But most important of all, his constant contact with men living under field conditions developed in him that great understanding of men and officers which was so characteristic of his leadership and which was so often mentioned by those who served under him in later years.

He entered West Point in June of '94, where, in addition to gaining a reputation as the "spooniest" cadet in the Corps, he was outstanding in all military subjects. He was a corporal in his Yearling year, Cadet Sergeant-Major in his Second Class year and Cadet Adjutant as a First Classman. Due to the war with Spain his class was graduated in April, 1898, and Conrad Babcock, newly commissioned a Second Lieutenant, 1st Cavalry, but attached to the 4th Cavalry, left for the Philippines to fight Aguinaldo and the "Insurrectos".

Two tours of active service in the islands were followed by regimental duty at home, including service when a young Captain as Regimental Adjutant of the 1st Cavalry and service with his regiment on relief duty at San Francisco at the time of the 1906 earthquake and fire. Later he was among the first officers to go to the Cavalry and Field Artillery School at Fort Riley and soon afterwards was selected to go to Saumur, France to the Ecole de Cavalerie.

His keen interest in horses and horsemastership was greatly intensified by his experience at these schools. Always a keen polo player, he had captained the first military polo team under the tutelage of Governor-General Cameron Forbes in the Philippines in 1908 and 1909. He now took an equal interest in schooling and Horse Show exhibiting and steeple-chasing, and was among the first American officers to take part in and encourage this type of sport. He maintained this interest throughout his active career and constantly instructed young officers and encouraged them to form Horse Shows and polo teams wherever he was stationed.

The outbreak of World War I found him a Major of Cavalry and in 1917 he went to France and served for a time at General Headquarters in Chaumont. The call within him for active duty with men in combat

was too strong for him to resist and he finally succeeded in breaking away and, after promotion to Lieutenant Colonel, in becoming Executive Officer of the 16th Infantry, 1st Division. Soon after, he won his Colonelcy and took command of the 28th Infantry in the first American offensive at Soissons in July of 1918. His fine record in command of the 354th Infantry, 89th Division, and the splendid impression that regiment made on General Pershing when he inspected it at Trier after the Armistice, led to his appointment as Commanding Officer of the Third Army Composite Regiment. This regiment, imbued with the spirit of discipline, smartness and soldierly tradition, exemplified by its Commanding Officer, paraded with General Pershing in Paris, London, New York and Washington and left an indelible impression of military precision and high standards on all in Europe and in the United States who saw it perform.

Duty after the war as Assistant Military Attache in Paris and as Chief of Staff of the Military District of Washington was followed in 1924 by what was probably the happiest service in his career—Commanding officer of his old regiment, the 1st Cavalry, then stationed at Marfa, Texas. Here his great ability to inspire men and lead



young officers in the fine and honorable ways of the military service was given full scope. The success he achieved among officers and men, old and young alike, is demonstrated by the testimonials received by him after his retirement, and by his family after his death. The affection felt for him by his former subordinates is clearly evident in these letters, but what would have pleased him most is the evidence of pride in the Army and its code which he had inspired in all these officers and men.

A battlefield recommendation for promotion which was blocked by the Armistice in 1918 resulted in his promotion to Brigadier General (Ret) under the Act of 13 June 1940. He lived a full and happy life after his retirement in 1937. He and his wife, the former Marian Eells of San Francisco, whom he had married in 1902, built a house in Vineyard Haven, Massachusetts, and lived there most of each year, traveling abroad and in the United States during the winter months. His great love of the Army and his interest in military affairs never diminished, and he followed with keen enjoyment the careers of his two soldier sons, Conrad Stanton, Jr., and Charles Parmelee Babcock. His Catholic interests and his keen enjoyment of interesting people in all walks of life helped him to control his sadness at leaving the military career which had been part and parcel of his life almost from birth.

As his flag laden casket was brought into the chapel at Fort Myer to the sound of the "General's March" and the guns fired a salute to this gallant and fine champion of the military code, the grief of his family, his friends and all who knew and loved him was softened by the proud realization that Conrad Babcock had been welcomed back into the Army that he loved so well and had served so splendidly.

—C. S. B., Jr.

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## Arthur James Lynch

NO. 4050 CLASS OF 1901

DIED APRIL 4, 1950, AT NEW YORK CITY,  
AGED 74 YEARS.

JIMMY LYNCH was born at Cold Spring, N. Y., on October 30, 1875, and from his home in his earliest days he looked across the Hudson with admiration and longing as his youthful gaze fell upon the beautiful and historic West Point.

His family moved to New York City when Jimmy was ten years old, and his father tried to interest him in a business career. But Jimmy never forgot West Point. When the time came he won his appointment in a competitive examination. He entered West Point with us on June 19, 1897, and his lifelong wish was fulfilled when he was buried there more than fifty years later.

Most of his classmates saw Jimmy for the first time when he reported at the Academy as a New Cadet and that first impression assured us that he was to be an outstanding member of the Class. His quiet, unassuming approach to the solution of the many problems of the New Cadet and his indomitable will in doing what he believed to be right in all circumstances showed that he was the kind of youth who would make a successful Army officer. His record as a cadet, and after graduation his distinguished career as an officer have borne out amply that first impression.

One of Jimmy's early problems was in the riding hall. Being a city boy he had had little or no experience with horses. Those old riding hall nags were quick to sense it and seemed to gang up on Jimmy. At any rate, after his first few days in the riding hall no one would have expected him to apply for assignment to the Cavalry. But it was not Jimmy's idea to be thwarted by a mere horse—or any number of them. Upon graduation he chose the Cavalry and served with distinction in that arm for the next sixteen years.

The tougher the problem the more inflexible his will to conquer it. And so Jimmy Lynch met and solved his problems from the time he entered West Point until he was retired for physical disability on September 30, 1938.

When the Class of 1901 was graduated on February 18, 1901—some four months ahead of schedule—it seemed to foretell that Jimmy's Army career would never be routine. He was soon on his way to the Philippines via the Presidio of San Francisco, and from that time throughout his active service he moved from one interesting experience to another.

On graduation from West Point he was assigned to the 15th Cavalry and served as a Second Lieutenant in Capt. Pershing's troop during the Philippine Insurrection. Later he was assigned to the 14th Cavalry, saw service in Cuba and various posts in California and the West as a First Lieutenant and Captain. Then came his second tour in the Philippines with service at Camp Stotsenburg, followed by many stations

along the Mexican border until the start of World War I when, as a Lieut. Colonel, Infantry N.A. Colonel Lynch left Camp Dix with the 347th Infantry for service in France.

After the War Colonel Lynch was Inspector General at Camp Dix and was transferred in 1920 to the Quartermaster Corps, serving as assistant QM of the 2nd Service Command. He was a graduate of the Army Industrial College and a member of the War Planning & Training Division of the N.Y. General Depot. Next came his third tour of duty in the Philippines and finally Commanding Officer of the 8th Corps Area General Depot, when in September 1938 Col. Lynch's failing health forced him to leave the Army he loved so well, and had served so devotedly and efficiently during his long career. Wherever he served, "Jimmy" Lynch left a trail of affection and respect. Seldom has an officer merited and received such undiluted affection from his enlisted men and associates. And few have ever reflected greater credit on the Army and the "School up the Hudson" where he was trained.

His service in the Philippines and in Cuba in the early days of our occupation was outstanding in variety and accomplishment and just as in his early career he was



a dashing and efficient Cavalryman, so after World War I he became a real business executive in his many assignments with the Quartermaster Corps.

His distinguished success in his military career was equaled in his happy domestic life. In 1918 he met Dorothy Hill Rudd, and they were married on April 30, 1919. In their happy married life, Jimmy was a most understanding and devoted husband and father.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Dorothy Rudd Lynch of 21 West 58th Street, New York City, and a daughter, Mrs. Robert M. Strong, Jr., of 9 East 68th Street, New York City.

Jimmy was an inveterate reader and was one of the best informed officers of his time.

He took an unusual interest in his Clubs and the patriotic societies to which he belonged. He was a member of the University Club of New York, Army & Navy Club of Washington, a charter member of the Army & Navy Country Club of Virginia, a life member of the Army & Navy Club of Manila, P.I., The Carabaos, The West Point Society of New York, The American Legion, The Quartermaster Association, The Retired Officers Association and the New York Society of Military and Naval World Wars.

—R. H. J.

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## Max Bruce Garber

NO. 4179 CLASS OF 1903

DIED MAY 22, 1949, IN WASHINGTON, D. C.,  
AGED 71 YEARS.

In the passing of Max Garber, his classmates of 1903 mourn the loss of a loyal and valued friend, who earned and held their respect and esteem. It was characteristic of his conscientious and meticulous performance of life's less happy duties, that he had dragged himself, sick and unable to walk with the other pall-bearers, to "Cit" Montgomery's funeral not many months before. It was with sad hearts that a few of us followed him on that day in May 1949 to his last resting place in Arlington Cemetery, and said our farewell with the simple military rite due him as an outstanding soldier. We who knew him at West Point and through the following years will long cherish the memory of him as a quiet, unassuming but competent officer, upon whom one could rely to do his duty accurately and successfully.

Born in Marble Rock, Floyd County, Iowa, on October 18, 1877, he came to the Military Academy from that State on August 30, 1899, a representative product of its public schools. As a cadet he played his part creditably, conscientiously and quietly. His dependability, accuracy and cool judgment served the U.S.M.A. well on the baseball team for more than three years.

On graduation he was commissioned Second Lieutenant and assigned to the 11th Infantry, going like so many of us directly to the Philippine Islands. His first year was spent at Malate Barracks, in Manila, and then in February 1904 he transferred to the 22d Infantry at Camp Marahui in Central Mindanao. Here he got his first taste of field service and actual war, taking part in the Catabato expedition and the pursuit of Datto Ali. "For gallantry in action against hostile Moros at Lake Lanao April 2-8, 1904," he was later awarded a Silver Star.

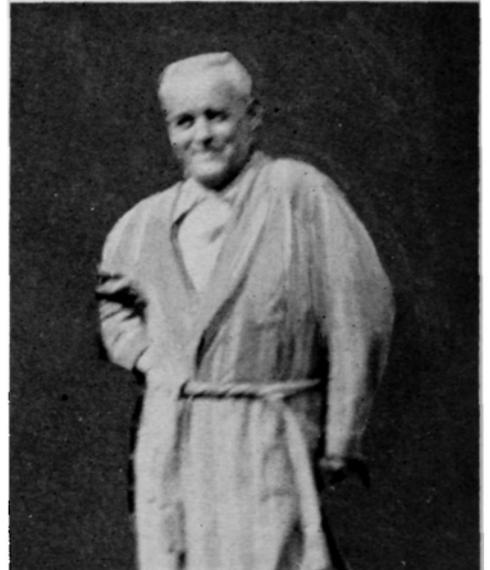
Having completed two years in the P.I. he obtained a month's leave to visit China and Japan on the way home. Stationed at Fort McDowell, Angel Island, California, from December 1905 to April 22, 1907, he had the unusual experience of participating in the San Francisco earthquake and fire in 1906, and in the rather primitive maneuvers at American Lake, Washington, in the autumn of the same year. From April 1907 to July 10, 1909, he served a tour of duty at Alcatraz Military Prison, going from there to Fort Liscum, Alaska, for a year, during which he received his promotion to First Lieutenant.

Returning in the summer of 1910 from Alaska he spent five and a half years in Texas on maneuvers and border duty, still constantly in the field. From December 1914 to August 1917 he was an inspector-instructor of the National Guard, first in Idaho and then in Wyoming, during which time he received his captaincy (July 1, 1916) and temporary majority (August 5, 1917). He was next assigned as an instructor at the Army Service Schools, Fort Leavenworth, until April 1918. Finally, in May 1918, he got to France, where the field experience he had had was to stand him in such good stead in the real shooting war, and where, commanding the 17th Machine Gun Battalion, he took part in the Vesle and Aisne-Marne Offensives and received his promotion to Lieutenant Colonel. About the middle of August he was transferred to command the 59th Infantry, and took part in the St. Mihiel offensive and in the Meuse-Argonne, until October 20, 1918. His "exceptionally meritorious and conspicuous

services" were recognized by award of the D.S.M. "he commanded with marked distinction the 59th Infantry during the attack on the Vesle. In this command he displayed those high qualities of ability, leadership and personal courage that marked him as a determined factor in the successes achieved by the 4th Division".—Our quiet, unassuming classmate had shown his worth as a combat leader.

After the Armistice he remained with the Army of Occupation in Germany until May 1919, in command of the 58th Infantry except for a time when he was Acting Adjutant of the 4th Division. Promoted to temporary rank of Colonel on May 6, 1919, he returned to command the 59th Infantry, and then went to Fort Sam Houston for a detail in the Quartermaster Corps and reduction to his regular permanent rank of Major on July 1, 1920.

During the next six years he made the rounds of the Army educational institutions—the Infantry School at Fort Benning (1920-21), the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth (1922-23), the Infantry Board (1923-25), the Army War College (1925-26)—whence he went to command Fort Wayne, Michigan, from July 1926 to August 1927. He completed his military service with a tour on the War De-



partment General Staff, in charge of the Balkans and Near East Section of G-2. Here sickness overtook him in December 1929, and, after a long and gallant fight to regain his health, he was finally retired on December 31, 1931 for physical disability incurred in line of duty.

Unable to tolerate the initial idleness and wishing to perform a last useful service he busied himself for five years with the preparation of "A Modern Military Dictionary", which was published in 1936. The remaining years were a brave and sustained rear guard action against the gradual inroads of his ailment.

It was during his tour of duty at Alcatraz that he married Etelka Williar in the little red church at Sausilto, California, on September 7, 1907. There he acquired a loving and faithful companion, whose friendship and loyalty meant so much to him during all the following years. A daughter, Genevieve Williar Garber was born on January 7, 1912, and survives to mourn him with her mother.

Though quiet and unassuming, Max Garber was decided and firm, a leader not a follower, in his social as well as his official relations. He accepted responsibility readily and on occasion took bold action when needed. Just and fair in his dealings

with subordinates, he could rely on a satisfied and loyal command. He was sociable and friendly and affectionate, though undemonstrative. May his soul go marching on.  
—U. S. Grant, 3rd.

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**LeRoy Bartlett**

NO. 4367 CLASS OF 1905

DIED JANUARY 7, 1951 AT SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, ILLINOIS, AGED 70 YEARS.

LEROY BARTLETT was born on December 17, 1880 at Kingston, Rhode Island. He was the youngest of seven children born to the Rev. Edward Otis and Anna Jane (Barstow) Bartlett. His father was a prominent Congregational minister in Rhode Island and was a Chaplain with the Union Forces in the Civil War.

During the Spanish-American War LeRoy enlisted in Battery "B", 1st Rhode Island Light Artillery, but the battery was mustered out before it saw any combat action.



LeRoy attended the grade and high schools in Providence, Rhode Island, before he entered Brown University in the Class of 1902. After three years at the university he joined his classmates in Beast Barracks on June 11, 1901. He was an excellent swimmer and he was one of four members of his class who qualified on the first test. Swimming was not his only athletic activity. He played football and had the distinction of winning the coveted "A" in his Plebe year. He was on the Class track team in 1902 and 1904, and captain of the hockey team during the 1904-1905 season.

He stood well in all academic subjects, graduating number 29 among the 114 members of the class. He seemed to delight in carrying on a feud with the Tactical Department and he held the opinion that he would have graduated in the Engineers if it hadn't been for his marks in "Dis". The "Tacs" were too much for him.

While a cadet, he met and fell in love with a "Post Femme", Miss Mary Bowie Franklin, and they were married in the post chapel at West Point on August 29, 1905. Their first station was at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, where LeRoy joined the Field Artillery and served in that arm until 1907, when he was promoted to First Lieutenant and transferred to the Coast Artillery Corps, with which he served until his retirement. Among the many posts at which the Bartletts served were Ft. Slocum, Ft. Monroe, Ft. Worden, Ft. McHenry, Corregidor, Caswell and Camp Funston. For

three years he was on recruiting duty with headquarters at Joplin, Missouri. Here he had a narrow escape from death. When taking a short cut home through a vacant lot, he broke through a rotted covering of a mine shaft and he spent several agonizing hours down the shaft before he could get any one to heed his calls and haul him out.

During World War I he, in common with most of his classmates, enjoyed a jump of two grades to Lieutenant Colonel, but then when the war was over there was the drop back to the grade of Captain. He commanded the 7th Ammunition Train of the 7th Division in France 1917-1919. He retired in December 1922 and made his home in Berkeley, California. For several years he owned and operated a garage in Oakland.

In February 1927 he became Secretary and Examiner of the first Civil Service Commission in Oakland, and continued in this work until his health caused him to relinquish it in November 1938. LeRoy was a member of the American Legion, the Exchange Club and Civic Clubs, and was deeply interested in Masonic work, being a member of the Committee of 33 of the National Sojourners. He rendered faithful and distinguished service to that organization and to the Oakland Chapter No. 108 as president, and for seventeen years as its Secretary and Treasurer. He was a member of the Associated Alumni of Brown University of Northern California and was the first president of the West Point Society, San Francisco Bay Area.

His pet hobby after his retirement was working in his Victory vegetable garden. He was a well known and welcome figure when, on returning from his daily toil in his garden, he distributed fresh vegetables to his neighbors. Incidentally he won two first prizes of war bonds that were offered by the City of Berkeley for the best amateur Victory Gardens during World War II.

Last December LeRoy and his wife went to Scott Air Force Base, Illinois, to spend the Christmas holidays with their son and his wife and family, Colonel and Mrs. LeRoy Bartlett, Jr. Here, on New Year's Day he was stricken with a heart attack and died at the base hospital on January 7, 1951. Masonic and Episcopal funeral services were held in Berkeley. Interment with full military honors was in Golden Gate National Cemetery, San Bruno, California, on January 11th.

He is survived by his widow, who resides in their lovely home, 924 Arlington Avenue, Berkeley, California; two sons, Colonel LeRoy Bartlett, Jr., Class of 1930, now stationed at Scott Air Force Base, and Robert Bowie Bartlett, 1049 Hubert Road, Oakland, California; and four grandsons.

LeRoy Bartlett was a man of pleasing personality who liked the company of good companions and he had a wide circle of friends. He has taken his place in that "Long Gray Line that stretches through the years of a century told" —A Classmate.

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**Henry Lee Watson**

NO. 4561 CLASS OF 1907

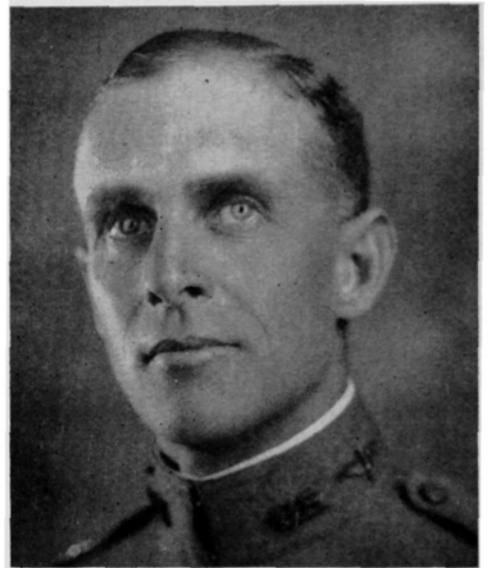
DIED APRIL 1, 1947 AT TWENTY-NINE PALMS, CALIFORNIA, AGED 63 YEARS.

HENRY LEE WATSON, or "Ma" Watson as he was affectionately called by his classmates, was born in Hartford, Connecticut, on 25 November 1883. The quiet, modest, efficient, friendly man we knew as a cadet had his background in a long line of puritan ancestry. His father was the Reverend John Henry Watson, who was descended from Colonel Henry Lee of the Revolution. His mother, Sarah M. Hoffman Watson,

was the descendant of a line of ministers. Martinus Hoffman's bible was used by Theodore Roosevelt when he was sworn in as President.

Lee was educated in eastern schools and had been two years at Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut, when he entered the Military Academy in 1903. His sister, who later married the Reverend Randolph Ray of the Little Church Around the Corner, New York City, his parents and his brother Eugene were frequent visitors at West Point. A high light of yearling summer was a dance given for the class in Cullum Hall by his mother and Paul Larned's mother.

From graduation leave he reported to the First Cavalry at Fort Clark, Texas, and went with the regiment to Camp Stotsenburg, P. I., in December 1907. From March to December 1908, he served under Captain E. R. Stuart, C.E., in the military mapping department. In February 1910 he returned to the Presidio of San Francisco where he was stationed until January 1911. After three months at the School of Musketry at Monterey he served at Calexico, Cal-



ifornia; Yuma, Arizona; and Camp Sequoia, California. He was a student officer at the Mounted Service School at Fort Riley, Kansas, from September 1911 until June 1912.

In August 1912 he became an instructor in the Department of Modern Languages at West Point. He was promoted to First Lieutenant while at West Point. In October 1913 he was "manchued" and served two years with the Yellowstone Park Detachment. After service in San Francisco and Monterey he was transferred to the 12th Cavalry at Corozal, Canal Zone. In December 1916 he was promoted to Captain and assigned to the 17th Cavalry. He returned to the States in January 1917 and was stationed at Fort Bliss and Fort Hancock, Texas, until May 1917. He served in the Office of the Provost Marshal General in Washington, D. C. until March 1918, when he went to Rockwell Field, San Diego, California as a student aviator. His promotion to temporary Major came along at this time and he transferred to the Signal Corps. On 22 April 1918 he had a crack-up and was hospitalized until 16 June. From then until April 1920 he was commanding the 9th Aero Squadron at Rockwell Field.

Lee was a skillful and daring flyer. He led the first flight over the Sierra Nevadas. It was he who initiated a system of aerial patrols of the National Forests during World War I. He made another pioneering flight up through Oregon and Washington. He commanded Mather Field, Sacramento, California, and was Corps Area Air Officer at Governors Island after World War I.

He graduated from the Air Service Engineering School at Wright Field.

He was retired 15 December 1922 and promoted to Lieutenant Colonel, retired, 16 August 1930. Lee and his classmate, Thurman Bane, who was also retired in December 1922, went to California and tried some business ventures. Lee lived in Carmel, California, for some years and built the first airport in Monterey. In 1927 he moved to Twenty-nine Palms, California, to become an early homesteader. He built his home and his own electric plant for servicing it. He was part owner of the Adobe Hotel, which was used by a primary school of the Air Corps during World War II. He was Chairman of the Recreation District Board and was on the ration and draft boards during World War II.

Lee married Eleanor F. Ewing at Savannah, Georgia on 23 October 1912. Three children survive: Charles H. Watson of Laguna Beach, Mrs. Nicholas D. Boradynski of Millbrae and Mrs. Alan Bagley of Pasadena, all in California. Another son, Theodore H., Lieutenant Colonel AAF, was killed in action at Tinian on 3 July 1945. He was a squadron commander.

In November 1942 there was a divorce and Lee married Elizabeth B. Nix, who survives him.

He was as full of valor as of kindness, princely in both. A fine soldier, a devoted friend and a gallant gentleman has answered the Last Roll Call. —Classmate.

In June 1941, he entered the Government service as an Associate Engineer in Military Construction, in the Quartermaster Corps. He was transferred to the Office of the Chief of Engineers with the transfer of Military Construction to the Corps of Engineers.



He served with distinction as head of the Pacific Division, Military Construction. He was twice promoted—to Civil Engineer and to Senior Engineer.

Next to his very lovely family, he gave the greatest part of his love and affection to his Class of 1912 and the Military Academy. During his many years of service in Washington, he operated a "listening post" for his Class, never missing an opportunity to visit with those who passed through the city.

His family, his classmates and his friends mourn the passing of a brave soul who met and overcame seemingly insurmountable handicaps to become a greatly respected and affectionately admired servant of the Country he loved. —R. C. K.



**Cuyler Lewellyn Clark**

NO. 5248 CLASS OF 1914

DIED MARCH 29, 1943, AT WALTER REED GENERAL HOSPITAL, WASHINGTON, D. C., AGED 52 YEARS.

EDITOR'S NOTE: A memorial article about the late Colonel Clark was published in the

*In Memory* section of the April 1944 issue of *Assembly*. At that time no picture of him was available for publication with the article. Through the courtesy of Colonel Fred W. Herman, Class of 1914, the above picture of Colonel Clark has been obtained and is now published at Colonel Herman's request.

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**Halstead Clotworthy Fowler**

NO. 6623 CLASS OF 1920

DIED SEPTEMBER 7, 1950, AT AFTON, VIRGINIA, AGED 51 YEARS.

THIS is the story of a soldier who, despite the bitterness of defeat, the trials of a Japanese prison camp and the agony of starvation, never compromised with his ideals of loyalty and service; and whose hope, courage and cheer were steadfast to the end of long months of intense suffering.

Halstead C. Fowler, known throughout the Army as "Chick", was born on April 19, 1899, in Brooklyn, N. Y., the son of the late Halstead P. Fowler and of the late Carrie Haines Fowler. His mother lived until 1948 and is remembered with affection by many of Chick's friends and classmates. Chick's father was a prominent architect who designed a number of churches and public buildings, among which was the 23rd Regiment Armory of the New York National Guard. Perhaps from his father, who was a captain in the 23rd, Chick inherited his ambition to become a soldier, an ambition colored and intensified by a romantic regard for the Army, and a serious anticipation of the time when he could share its responsibilities.

His father died during Chick's childhood and in 1906 the family moved to Charleston, South Carolina, where Chick graduated from High School in 1915 and was awarded a scholarship to Charleston College. After attending college for a year, another move took the Fowler family to Baltimore, and in the spring of 1918 Chick entered the United States Military Academy.

When New Cadet Fowler reported to West Point that June, the Military Academy gained a son for whom the tradition, love and spirit of his Alma Mater would always be a shining light. Chick's enthusiasm won him the honor of becoming the cheer leader of the Corps, and looking back over the years we can see that he symbolized the great responsibilities of tradition and sportsmanship which were almost immediately thrust upon the class of '20.

Upon graduation in 1920 Chick chose the Coast Artillery Corps and spent the next two and a half years with the 61st Anti-Aircraft Battalion at Fort Monroe. I remember well those days in Virginia, for Chick and I were roommates. Life was full—full of hard work, and hard play. Chick was an instructor, known by everyone, liked by everyone—referred to respectfully as "The Lieutenant"

I remember the many class parties at the Post, with Chick usually in the leading role. I remember the football games at Yankee Stadium, and Chick's room at the Astor as headquarters not only for the Army, but often for the Navy as well.

But this period of our lives came to a close when Chick was ordered to the Philippines in 1923. Those orders were prophetic, taking him, as they did, to the location where many years later his qualities as a soldier would undergo their most severe test in the Battle of Bataan, and where also his soul would be tried by the unspeakable deprivations of nearly three years as a prisoner of war of the Japanese. Nevertheless he found the Philippines intensely interest-

ing, so much so that at his own request he remained there for four years of duty instead of the usual two. But his time was well spent for it was there that he learned to know and to understand the Filipino soldier, there that he acquired his first knowledge of such then obscure places as Bataan, Lingayen Gulf, and other geographical names destined twenty years later to fill the headlines.

At the end of this tour of duty in the Philippines, Chick returned to the United States for duty at Fort Sill where he served for several years. It was during this time that he decided to transfer to the Field Artillery.

In 1938 while he was on duty at Fort Benjamin Harrison, he met and married Margaret Naylor Adams (better known as Tykie) the daughter of General and Mrs. William K. Naylor. (I believe that Chick's devotion to Tykie and her children was the sustaining force which brought him through the long months and years when he was a prisoner of the Japanese.)

Soon after his marriage he was ordered to the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. After his graduation there he served for a time as Assistant Professor of Military Science and Tactics at Ohio State University.

During the years he had, of course, been promoted, and, when in October 1941 he was again ordered to the Philippines he held the rank of Major to be followed soon by promotion to Lieutenant Colonel. Upon arrival at Manila he became the Commanding Officer, 71st Field Artillery, Philippine Army. He trained his men at Camp O'Donnel, northwest of Manila, from the middle of November (1941) until December 7, when the storm broke. Surely a minimum of preparation for the bloody, discouraging days ahead!

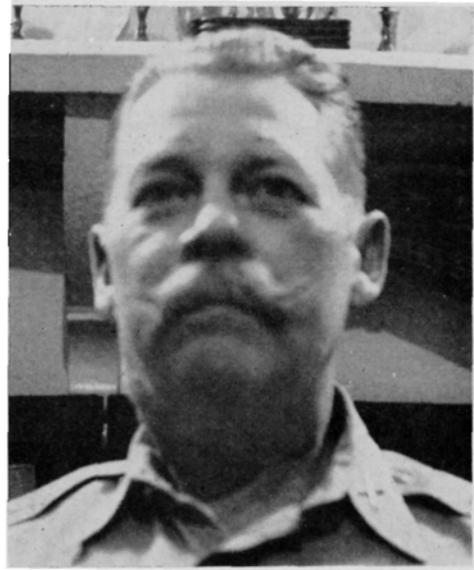
Upon the announcement of hostilities Chick's regiment marched north, and on December 24 he was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for extraordinary heroism in action at the Agno River (which flows northward into Lingayen Gulf). Our forces were pitifully small to fling against the advancing hordes of Japanese and as the Americans and Filipinos were forced to retreat from both the north and south fronts, the order came to retire to Bataan for the last stand.

By the morning of December 30 Chick and his regiment had fallen back to the little town of Balinag, about twenty miles north of Manila. The enemy was driving hard to cut off the southern forces so that they could not get through to Bataan. At Balinag Chick's outfit, plus the 194th Tank Battalion, held off the main Japanese invading force coming down from the north. In spite of orders to retire to Bataan, they stayed and fought at Balinag until the southern force had reached Calumpit Bridge and effected its juncture on Bataan with the northern force. This was the action of which Chick himself seemed the most proud, although later, at Moron, just south of Subic Bay, where his regiment was holding the western anchorage of the Bataan defense line, he received the Silver Star on January 30, 1942, and a second Distinguished Service Cross on January 21—this time because in spite of having been seriously wounded in the chest by machine gun fire he refused to be evacuated and remained in command until relieving troops arrived. His bravery had "prevented the entire 1st Division from being cut off, surrounded and ultimately annihilated", as quoted from the citation. During four weeks of action he was awarded three Purple Hearts.

Then followed the discouraging months which led to the complete collapse of Bataan, the now-historic Death March, and the long years in prison camps, beginning at Camp O'Donnel, next Cabanatuan, then the Dwas

Penal Colony Farm, and finally, Bilbid Prison at Manila.

In a prison camp one is bereft of all the stimulations and comforts that make normal life so pleasant to Americans. In a prison camp there is none of the excitement or ambition of idealism, or sheer love of fighting that carries one along in a campaign. There is only a filth of crowdedness and a dreary, stultified repression. The single acute reaction is a never-ending internal gnawing, as weeks and months drag by with a thousand consecutive meals consisting only of a little pan of rice, punctuated by soup made of boiled weeds. As the body feeds upon itself a great deal of the veneer, which we like to call civilization, disappears, often clouding the perceptions, reducing a man to a starving animal. Only a noble few can retain their principles and their ideals, and accept their responsibilities to others when their own stomachs are desperately empty. It is the supreme test of what a man really is. It is a test more soul searching than most of us are ever called upon to endure, but it was a test which Chick Fowler met with patience, equanimity, integrity, good humor and hope; with complete confidence in his country. Even though his eyes faded away almost to complete blindness, he never complained. He never lost



his intense interest in life, his sense of humor, his gentlemanliness, or his buoyant trust in the military power of the United States.

When Manila was retaken by our own forces in February 1945 Chick was a man who was broken physically, but only physically. He was impatient to get to his farm in Afton, Virginia, but it took a year of hospitalization to put him sufficiently on his feet to go home. Then he was retired on September 30, 1946, with the rank of Colonel.

Soon thereafter he was paid a personal visit by the Honorable J. M. Elizalde, Ambassador for the Philippine Islands, who presented him with the Gold Cross Medal for outstanding bravery, awarded by the Republic of the Philippines, the last of the long list of medals and awards in recognition of his service.

Chick was happy at his farm, but in spite of every effort and the tireless care of his wife, he was never able to recover his eyesight or his original health and strength. Then in 1950 came his final blow, for Life was still to exact more months of intense suffering before he could go to his last rest. Nevertheless all through his last illness he retained his equanimity, his hope and courage. Unable to eat, unable to see, unable to speak, he could still listen to his visitors with enthusiasm, and write his part of the conversation on a scratch pad.

Gradually he dwindled away until it was obviously hopeless. His last days were spent in the surroundings he loved. On September 7, 1950 the end came. A few days later at Arlington more than one great soldier came quietly to pay tribute to Chick Fowler. He was a man.

—W. C. C., with A. McC.

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## Hamer Pace Ford

NO. 7918 CLASS OF 1926

DIED APRIL 3, 1950, AT BERLIN, GERMANY,  
AGED 44 YEARS.

HAMER PACE FORD was born at Macomb, Illinois, on July 17, 1905, while his father, Captain (later Lieutenant General) Stanley Hamer Ford, was enroute to join the 5th Infantry at Plattsburg Barracks, New York. Like the rest of us Army Brats, he spent his formative years accompanying his parents around the world; to Cuba and back before he was four; to Jefferson Barracks, to Fort Niagara and Fort Sheridan; to Texas City, Texas, where he saw that sleepy little town mushroom under the impact of the invasion of General Carter's 2nd Provisional Division; to Tientsin, China, where he learned the language from his parents No. 1 boy, Chang Nen Poo, and, through that knowledge and wanderings about the country, learned the customs and traditions of the Orient. Back home, via Manchuria, Korea, and Japan, he settled with his mother in Macomb, while his father was overseas during the First World War. It was during this period that his mother died and left him in the care of his grandparents, until he rejoined his father in Washington when the latter returned to enter the War College.

Born and nurtured in the environs of the profession of arms, he was destined to follow in his father's footsteps. After a brief course of study at the Swaverly Preparatory School in Washington, he entered the Academy with the Class of 1926, where he distinguished himself in his studies and starred on the polo and fencing teams and in Hundredth Nite and Color Line productions. But he will be remembered longer as an academic coach; many a man who now holds a commission would never have attained that honor had it not been for the patient hours Ford spent explaining the intricacies of calculus and "analyt".

Upon graduation, he served a tour with the 6th Infantry at his old home, Jefferson Barracks, and then reported for duty with the 15th Infantry in another old station, Tientsin, China. It was here that he wooed and won the woman who became the focal point in his life: the charming and talented Alexa Byrne. They were married on 1 March 1930, and, until his death, remained one in thought and deed and being. I have never known a closer or a more devoted couple.

In 1931 the Fords returned to the States. There followed a tour with the 16th Infantry at Jay and a term at the Infantry School at Benning. In 1935 he was appointed aide-de-camp to his father, in which capacity he served for three years. It was during this period that he learned those principles of organization and operation of the higher echelons of command which he applied so successfully in later years. It was during this period too, that he underwent a major operation—the removal of one kidney. Instead of retiring, he elected to remain in the Service, although he could no longer engage in athletics. To an ardent horseman, this was a tremendous hardship, but fortunately resulted in channelizing his leisure into study and research.

In 1938 he rejoined the 6th Infantry and, when the Armored Force was activated in

July 1940, he accompanied that regiment to Fort Knox to form part of the 1st Armored Division.

It was during those hectic days of expansion that he first embraced Intelligence, a field with which he remained associated thereafter. After attending Leavenworth he was assigned to the G-2 Section of Armored Force Headquarters, which office he developed during its infancy. He progressed as the G-2's of the 8th Armored Division and the IV Armored Corps and, in 1943, became the G-2/G-3, Forward Echelon of the Communications Zone of the European Theater of Operations. The end of the war found him commanding the Theater's Military Intelligence Service.

After two years as G-2, Fifth Army, in Chicago, he returned to Europe for duty with the Director of Intelligence of the European Command. Shortly thereafter he was assigned as Director of Intelligence in Berlin—a magnificent tribute to his outstanding ability, coming as it did at a time when the fate of the western democracies depended so much upon the success of their Intelligence.

In the spring of 1950, the strain of that office evidently began to tell on his none too robust health and in March he was rushed



to a hospital. A three-hour operation at first appeared successful and he seemed on the way to recovery, but on the afternoon of April 3, he unexpectedly lapsed into a coma and suddenly passed away.

But what of the man, himself? What of his character? Hamer Ford possessed the two absolute prerequisites of an officer: the intelligence to recognize his responsibilities and the moral courage to discharge them. He was one of the most conscientious persons I've ever known. Moderate in his needs, although favoring the more refined appointments of gracious living, he adjusted easily to the situation as he found it. Nevertheless, he remained adamant in his adherence to his principles. His was indeed a life dedicated to a motto: that of our Alma Mater.

To him, Duty remained to the end the driving force of his being. It compelled him in good health and sustained him in poor; only his complete devotion to the Service and his determination to serve to the utmost of his ability, enabled him, in spite of his physical handicap, to contribute so much during those last twelve years of his life.

Perhaps his only virtue that surpassed this devotion to duty was his adherence to his code of Honor, although, naturally, he found such triumph less difficult to achieve. But what distinguished his integrity was his rare power to remain honest with himself.

I have always been amazed at his ability to ignore the urgings of expediency that tempt men to rationalize their little departures from the truth, for I am certain that, much as he cherished the respect of others, his greater satisfaction stemmed from the knowledge that he remained the master of himself.

And, as for Country, well, Ford was a soldier all his life. By that I do not infer that he was militant or reveled in the thrill of battle, because he was a professional soldier and his pride lay less in glory than in achievement. I mean, rather, that no other career appealed to him as strongly as did that of service to his country. True, his many interests included ventures extraneous to the military, but his first and last loyalties lay always with the Army.

What of his ability? Ford possessed a keen mind and a mature judgment. His was a wealth of knowledge gleaned from study and experience, but mostly from an unerring ability to grasp the kernel of a problem and to retain its salient features. His experiences impressed themselves vividly on his memory and he extracted from them such lessons as they afforded. No wonder he excelled as a planner and executive.

Perhaps his greatest forte lay in his knowledge of human nature. A self-analyst and eager student of psychology, he knew better than any man I've ever known, the instincts and reactions of his fellow man. He was remarkable in his detection of their true emotions and in his forecast of their intentions. He was a logical choice to head the far-flung Intelligence organization he commanded during the war, and later, to direct the Intelligence effort in the most uneasy city in Germany.

And finally, what of his personality? His acquaintances were legion, his confidants, few. He was a quiet, reticent man who knew contentment within a circle of old friends. Yet he liked people, and found enjoyment in their company. Cultured, courteous, and refined, he was a perfect host and his home reflected the charm and welcome of his manner. Gentle, kind and affectionate, he showered attention on children, for whom the Ford's never failed to stage an Easter party, on his ever-present dogs and horses, for which he and Alex shared a mutual fondness. Idealistic, unswerving and sincere, he commanded the respect of his contemporaries and the affection of his intimates. Few men were more admired and none more respected by those who met him, few were more respected, none more admired by those who knew him.

The last I saw of Hamer—the lights of a plane circling over Rhine-Main Air Base, bearing him home to his final resting place in his beloved West Point, leaving, within me, a great emptiness, but at the same time, a greater pride that he had been my friend.

—J. H. Gilbreth.

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### William Gardner

NO. 12611 CLASS OF 1941

KILLED IN ACTION, JUNE 6, 1944 IN FRANCE, AGED 28 YEARS.

LIEUTENANT WILLIAM GARDNER was killed in action fighting with the 29th Infantry Division in Normandy on "D" Day 1944. He undoubtedly died bravely; oblivious to his surroundings with but one stubborn thought in mind—to carry out his assigned mission at any cost. Bill Gardner was an

individual who cared little about how the ordinary course of events in his life ran; but who would launch himself wholeheartedly into anything like leading an attack in an invasion against the enemies of his country. It was probably this fearless willingness to challenge anything or anybody that brought him to an untimely death.

Born in Beverly, Massachusetts, a suburb of Boston, Bill was raised in the atmosphere of Bar Harbor and the shadow of Beacon Hill. He dearly loved his home town and State and was frequently to be heard expounding on the many virtues of the area to his friends and especially to the southern element of his classmates, who could always inspire him to greater heights in his arguments. Living near the seashore, his early life was absorbed with an intense interest in sea-going activities—which almost made him a candidate for the Navy. However, after graduating from Beverly High School in 1933 he decided upon a military career and then attended Stanton Military Academy, Cornwall, N. Y., for a year, preparing for West Point. He received his appointment from his home State and entered the first time with the Class of 1940.

Bill faced his first real set of troubles in life at West Point in the Academic Depart-



ments, as did many of us, and was "found" at the end of his plebe year. He managed, however, to return at Christmas in 1937, and thereafter avoided any serious trouble. He could have really excelled in his academic work, but, in characteristic fashion, he would devote hours to some favorite subject in an effort to perfect it, neglecting all the others. Then too, there was always the endless rebattling of the Civil War with his staunch southern roommate from Virginia, during study hours. This rebattling, of course, was more important than any of the Math or Phil struggles.

During his first plebe year Bill was outstanding in boxing and lacrosse, and probably let his interest in them dominate his studies. After returning to West Point he never again went out for a Corps sport, which hurt him quite badly, as he dearly loved all athletics.

Of course Bill had to have a nickname. To him befell the title "Porky". In many ways it really suited him, as he was rather plump and short, and usually went about things in an unusually easy going and lackadaisical manner. However, in other respects it was ridiculous, as he was as strong as an ox, and quick with his mind or his fists. His manner was always pleasant, though, and he was in every respect a gentleman. Usually a paragon of patience.

and calmness, he could be aroused, and was then to be seriously reckoned with.

Bill was a real idealist and a dreamer. The traditions and ideals of West Point meant a lot to him in his living, probably more so than to the average cadet. He spent much of his time delving into the history of West Point, taking great pride in his unusual store of knowledge. Many were the unwary plebes who quickly became well educated, listening to his thundering voice reeling off little known facts about the Academy. He sincerely felt in this way that he was giving them something of value, rather than have them merely remember the routine things that they all had to know.

In many respects Bill was more mature than his classmates, although he enjoyed a hop or a pillow fight as well as anyone. He wanted to be precise as far as manners and customs were concerned, a characteristic of his which produced a leveling and sobering effect upon some of his more unruly contemporaries. He succeeded in establishing a fine example of manhood for his associates.

After graduation Bill married Mrs. Eleanor Dixon of Greenwich, Connecticut, whom he met in his First Class year. Unfortunately his married life was all too short, as he was ordered to Iceland with the 5th Infantry Division in 1942. He was transferred to the 29th Division in 1943, and served with that organization until his death.

Besides his widow Bill is survived by his mother and father, of Beverly, Massachusetts; two brothers, Philip and Robert, who both served overseas in the Army in World War II; and three sisters, Mrs. Constance Herrick, Mrs. Phyllis Tendler and Miss Laurel Gardner.

Many times Bill Gardner as a cadet sang the "Alma Mater" and "The Corps". He sang them with the full feeling of determination to live the words expressed in their lines. "May it be said," that his service as an officer and his gallant death and sacrifice were, indeed, "Well Done". That would be all he would have hoped for on this earth.

—B. C. A., Jr.

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### Louis William Howe

NO. 14417 CLASS OF 1944

KILLED IN ACTION, JANUARY 31, 1951,  
IN KOREA, AGED 30 YEARS.

CAPTAIN LOUIS W. HOWE, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert C. Howe, was born at Adrian, Michigan October 3, 1920. The family moved to Detroit, Michigan where Lou was graduated from St. Clare parochial school and the DeLaSalle Collegiate, and had completed his freshman year at the University of Detroit, School of Engineering, when he received his appointment to West Point in July 1941, graduating in 1944.

After reporting at Fort Benning he was assigned to Co. G. 385th Inf. 76th Div. at Camp McCoy and left with this organization for Europe. He remained with them throughout the war and was awarded the Bronze Star for gallantry in action. Returning to the United States in August 1945, he reported to Camp Grant and was assigned to Fort Jackson and Camp Butler for various duties. Later he was transferred to Fort Benning and became an Aide to General Weaver.

In June 1946 he left for Europe again and was Aide to General Keyes and later Aide

to General Gallagher. While on this assignment he was married to Martina Fountain of Savannah, Georgia, at a colorful military wedding in St. Anne Church, Heidelberg, Germany. The happy couple returned to the United States in May 1949 and Lou was assigned to the Infantry School at Fort Benning; and here were born Louis W., Jr. and Anne G. (twins). Upon completion of his studies at Benning, he was assigned to the 15th Inf. 3d Div., leaving with his organization for Japan and Korea. At the time of his death he was Commanding Officer of Co. E. 15th Inf.

He was always a leader and proud of his men, as exemplified by his final action and described by excerpts from several letters received from his fellow officers: "Your husband was a fine officer and gentleman, greatly admired by the men of his command and highly respected by other officers and his superiors. All of us in the Battalion grieve with you in your bereavement"

And from an eye witness of this final action: "The incident took place near Yongin, Korea on January 31, 1951. On this particular day Louis, as Commander of Co. E., had the mission of capturing Hill 380. This was an intermediate objective, to pro-



vide a springboard for the whole Battalion to launch an attack on the main objective, Hill 425.

"Louis led his company to the vicinity of Hill 380, the first platoon maneuvering to the right of the hill, while the second platoon approached on the left of the land mass. Louis was with the second platoon. Nearing the objective, the company was met suddenly with a great volume of fire from a well-entrenched and camouflaged enemy, pinning them down and completely stalling their advance.

"Realizing that immediate action was necessary, Louis, completely exposed to enemy fire, moved across the rugged terrain to encourage his men and try to determine the exact source of enemy fire. He moved from his position with the second platoon over to the first platoon. Having reached that position he moved through the platoon, giving the men encouragement and preparing them to advance. Next, he progressed to the lead squad, to lead the attack personally. It was at this point that the intense and continuous fire from enemy position struck and mortally wounded him"

He was loyal and faithful to his God, to his country, his family and friends. He is survived by his wife, Martina, and three children, Louis Jr. and Anne G. (twins) and baby Mary M., who was born in Sav-

annah, Georgia, on the day the dreadful message was received from the War Department; and by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert C. Howe, and a brother, Albert C. Howe, Jr., of Detroit, Michigan.

Thus has come to a close a noble and courageous career, and Louis has taken his final place in the Long Gray Line.

—Lawrence A. Burns.

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### Jared William Morrow

NO. 14961 CLASS OF 1945

KILLED IN ACTION, SEPTEMBER 1, 1950, AT  
SAUJI-RI, KOREA, AGED 27 YEARS.

On September 1, 1950, First Lieutenant Jared W. Morrow ran his last race and fell for the cause he had devoted his life to serve. His last scene of action was on a dreary battlefield near the town of Sauji-ri, Korea.

Jerry, as he was known to all his friends, was born at Fargo, North Dakota, on May 21, 1923 and entered the Military Academy from that State on July 1, 1942.

While at West Point, Jerry strove continuously for success. He played to win and his achievements will long be remembered by those of the Class of '45. Whether competing in the section room or on the athletic field, Jerry gave his very best. He was courteous in manner, wise in counsel and effective in action. His pleasing personality and gracious smile seemed to invite all his associates to join him in his way of life. None who ever came in contact with him failed to be impressed by his effervescent nature. Loved by his classmates, respected by his fellow officers and championed by his men, he left an indelible mark on all during his short term of service.

His fame as a runner established him as one of West Point's greatest competitors in that field. Elected captain of the Army team in 1944, he led it to some of its most brilliant victories. The following excerpt from the Academy's record book describes one of the greatest contributions any athlete has ever made for an Army team. Jerry did it in his usual manner in the Millrose Games at Madison Square Garden in 1944:

"Jerry Morrow in the Army-Navy relay hit a new board at the Garden and crashed to the floor on his chin. With his chin cut open, his face, hands and legs scraped cruelly, he scrambled to his feet and ran with renewed determination until he crossed the finish line where he collapsed again—game to the end!"

After graduation in 1945, Jerry joined his Infantry classmates at Fort Benning to prepare for overseas duty. The war's sudden end found him enroute to service in the Far East.

In October 1945, he arrived at Manila, P. I., to await further assignment on the Japanese mainland. While there, those who lived with him saw his fiery spirit once again as he sparked his "runt Classmates" to many a volleyball victory over their flanker foes during the afternoon athletic sessions. Jerry's stay in the Philippines was short-lived, for in November 1945 he moved with ten of his classmates to their first unit in Japan. Jerry was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment, then occupying the Gomen area on Shikoku island. Here he was to stay for six months while his regiment engaged in demilitarizing the Japanese war machine in that sector.

In May 1946, Jerry's unit moved across the bay to the island of Kyushu, where they established a Regimental Training Camp and prepared to receive new soldiers from the mainland.

We will never forget the big track meet held in Oita City in September 1946. Jerry's regiment was celebrating its organization day and had invited the Japanese population to witness an afternoon of athletic events. The assembled crowd was treated to a great display of American style competition and witnessed the prowess of Lieutenant Jared Morrow as he swept four of the running events with ease against top-flight opponents.

During the next six months Jerry held various positions in the 19th Infantry Regiment, ranging from Headquarters Company Commander to 3rd Battalion S-1. From the latter assignment he was selected to become Aide-de-Camp to the 24th Division Commander, at that time Major General James A. Lester. He served in this capacity until the Spring 1948, when he returned to the United States for assignment to the 2nd Infantry Division, then stationed at Fort Lewis, Washington.

At Fort Lewis, Jerry's friendly manner and modest nature once again won him



many friends. While at Lewis, Jerry made it a point to visit Seattle whenever a transport from the Orient arrived, at which time he would renew old acquaintances and arrange for the needs of his friends during their stop-over at nearby Fort Lawton. Friendship to Jerry was a sacred trust and he always availed himself to all who sought his own.

During his service with the 2nd Division, Jerry was once again selected for duty as an Aide-de-Camp, this time being chosen from his assignment with the famous 9th Infantry Regiment, most commonly referred to as the "Manchus", a name which it adopted while serving in China during the Boxer Rebellion. Jerry became Aide to Major General, then Brigadier General, Laurence B. Keiser, who at that time was the Assistant Division Commander of the 2nd Division.

With the outbreak of hostilities in Korea in June 1950, Jerry's unit was alerted and sailed for that theater of action in August 1950. His service in the combat zone was more than courageous. Assigned to a tactical unit, Jerry rallied his men and inspired in them all an intense desire to fight for the principles he held in such high esteem. He died a soldier's death, leading his men, whom he loved so well.

Survivors include his parents—Mr. and Mrs. Otto Jared Morrow—two sisters—Mrs. W. L. Porter (Miriam)—Mrs. T. B. Madole (Leila)—and two brothers—Hector Jared Morrow and Major Thomas Otto Morrow.

In his short life, Jerry accomplished great things which shall live after him forevermore. We salute you, our fallen comrade; long will we cherish your friendship and high ideals.

--Austin J. Yerks, Jr., '45.

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### Donald Eugene Myers

NO. 14910 CLASS OF 1945

KILLED IN ACTION, NOVEMBER 7, 1950,  
IN KOREA, AGED 27 YEARS.

THE oldest of three children, Donald was born in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, to Verna S. and Walter L. Myers. He was a strong, husky lad, serious and determined, with a rather restless nature. Even at an early age he showed the remarkable traits of character which were so pronounced in later years, one of which was his honesty and the dependence one could place in him.

This trait of his is well illustrated by the following incident: Going to a corner grocery to make a purchase for his mother, he was given a piece of candy by the storekeeper. After going out of the store he returned again, handed the candy back and said, "I dare not eat candy"

He partook in many children's affairs in school and in his church. He was a member of St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Williamsport.

Often he was the cause of amazement to his parents. Even before he started to school, his excellent powers of reasoning were evident. For example, one time his father asked him the following question: "If you had five ice cream cones and you gave one each to your mother and father, how many would you have left?" Donald insisted the answer was one and, probing for an explanation, his father received a jolt when Don retorted, "The rest would melt".

No one can really delve into and describe completely, in an unbiased manner, all characteristics of another man. This fact is especially true of Donald Myers. Some people would describe him as cold and "stand-offish", others as warm and friendly; but all would agree that he was sincere, honest, capable, and highly intelligent. Few knew him well and perhaps no one knew him completely. He was quiet and usually the listener in a conversation. Even his parents had to pry information from him, especially about himself; Don was never a "handshaker" but he had many friends. He selected his friends carefully and those who knew him best treasured this friendship. The 1945 *Howitzer* put it this way: "He was always ready to lend a helping hand to anyone in need; and we, his wives, will always consider his friendship as one of our greatest gains while at the Point".

"An ideal student" is the description given of him by many of his teachers. He got outstanding grades in school and was modest and cooperative. He did his work carefully and well. His parents never had to check to determine whether he had his work done for the following day. He was active in school programs, a student council representative, and was one of his class named in his school's "Who's Who" during his senior year in high school, from which he graduated with honors in 1941.

His out-of-school activities were many and varied. He participated in all types of athletics. He received the Eagle award as a Boy Scout, and served as City Comptroller during the annual Boy Scout observance wherein the Scouts conducted the affairs of the City government for a day. He always applied himself to his hobbies completely and expertly. These hobbies included a fine stamp collection, with a special collection of United States stamps and First Day Covers. He was also interested in model airplanes. Don was the type who did not work at these hobbies half-heartedly. Serious study and limitless time were spent on them; he could have become a master in many fields.

Later his spare time was occupied by photography. He developed, printed and enlarged his own pictures, and his knowledge of these processes and of color photography would equal that of many professional photographers. His favorite subject was originally his younger sister; later, all of his family were included. He also had a fine collection of colored slides that included many pictures of West Point, Hawaii and the Philippine Islands.

Donald was also deeply interested in hunting. He spent a great many week-ends



at his grandmother's place in the country, where he loved to roam the hills hunting birds, rabbits and deer. He was also well known for his fondness for food, and had a particular liking for his grandmother's buckwheat cakes, which he ate in alarming quantities. Among his favorite dishes were filled pork chops, puddings and vanilla ice cream.

Donald was only a few weeks old when a former West Point football and baseball great, Walter French, made his professional baseball debut in Williamsport. Don's father, an ardent baseball fan, admiring French's promising career, had visions of his son as a West Point Cadet. This idea was planted in Don's mind a few years later and it may have had some influence in his attitude toward his school work, in his determination, and in his clean living. It was perhaps the greatest thrill of his life when he received a letter from Congressman Robert F. Rich, naming him as the Congressman's principal appointment to West Point. He entered West Point on July 1, 1942 and was graduated on June 5, 1945. His first assignment was to the Artillery School at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. He was sent to the Philippine Islands in September 1945, and returned to the States in November 1948. After a short time at Camp Pickett, Virginia, where he served as aide to Major General Robert C. Macon, he was again as

signed to Fort Sill. He remained there until August 1950, at which time he was sent to Korea, receiving the rank of Captain while on duty there a short time before his death on November 7, 1950.

Donald married his high school sweetheart, Jo Ann Harsch, on June 8, 1945. He left two fine, husky sons, Craig Alan and Donald Eugene, Jr. He was a good son, a good husband and a devoted father. As an officer he was efficient, serious and modest, and had the complete respect of his fellow officers and his men.

—W. L. Myers, his father.

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**James Malcolm Becker**

NO. 16028 CLASS OF 1946

KILLED IN ACTION, NOVEMBER 24, 1950,  
IN KOREA, AGED 28 YEARS.

JIM was killed when his plane crashed in the rugged mountainous country northwest of Wonsan, Korea. He was making a road



reconnaissance through guerilla territory when downdrafts held him in a deep narrow valley that terminated abruptly. The heartfelt dismay of his mechanics and the sorrow of the men and officers who worked with him are a tribute to his character that will not be forgotten. The Distinguished Flying Cross was awarded to him in recognition of his ability and bravery.

Jim was born in Wadena, Minnesota on January 8, 1922, the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Becker. He attended Wadena High School and Northwestern Preparatory School, and entered the United States Military Academy in 1943. During his three years at the Academy, and later during his Army career, his quiet conscientious work and his good fellowship were chief traits of his character.

Not long after graduation, Jim was assigned to an Infantry Company in the 7th Division, where he served for 18 months in South Korea. His next assignment was with the 2nd Infantry Division at Ft. Lewis, Washington.

It was not until Jim and Sheila moved to Waco, Texas that I knew them well. Here Jim and I took the Army Flying Course together. Jim really put his heart into this work, learning what the course required, and digging out facts about aviation from all available sources. He was one of those for-

tunate men who learn to fly quickly. Our flying class had a high regard for Jim's sincere nature, firm in responsibility and convictions. His friendship was warm and unselfish—I have found none better. Jim was a disciple of armed forces unification, and as such found many things at the Air Force Base at Waco that he would inquire into and later state they were systems the Army should adopt. He would explain during a leisure hour how supply and maintenance systems and handling of personnel varied between the Army and Air Force, summarizing in a very convincing manner the better qualities of each system. I feel sure that had he been with the Service longer, many of his ideas would have been valuable to both the air and ground forces.

At Jim and Sheila's Waco apartment many happy hours were spent by various members of the aviation class. Jim not only enjoyed hunting ducks, but preparing them for the table as well. Fishing and flying were hobbies also, and despite required flying, he was happy to get a private license for pleasure flying. But Jim never looked so happy as when he passed out cigars in honor of Pam, the first small member of the family. From the time Pam was born until Jim departed for the Far East, his favorite recreation was helping care for his wife and their baby.

From Waco he went to more flying and tactical training at Ft. Sill, and then for his first flying assignment at Ft. Devens. By the time Jim joined his Regiment at Ft. Devens, it was already alerted for overseas shipment, so Jim joined the air section with his usual untiring efforts, working late into the night preparing aircraft for overseas shipment; while he had the added responsibility of getting his wife and new baby settled. He was immediately respected by the officers and men of the Ft. Devens Air Section for his willingness and helpfulness in accomplishing the job.

In Japan he joined the 3rd Division Air Section, spent a few weeks of training flights in the mountains of Kyushu and flew to Korea in the middle of November. Here he put his full heart into flying combat missions through the guerilla country about Wonsan. His companions remember well the tears in his eyes, after a full day of flying, when he was unable to make a trip to Tongyang after more wounded, because of darkness. It brought back to memory something he had said at Waco; that he had thought very seriously of going to medical school before entering his military career. And his companions remember his unflinching attention to his missions and the thorough manner in which he accomplished them. He flew his last mission on November 24, 1950.

—Daniel C. Prescott, '45.

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**John Neil Munkres**

NO. 16025 CLASS OF 1946

KILLED AUGUST 15, 1950, IN AN AIR CRASH  
NEAR FUKUOKA, KYUSHU, JAPAN,  
AGED 25 YEARS.

FROM the relatively small town of Weeping Water, Nebraska, came a great man of both stature and ideals, destined to have a brilliant, but short life. This was the beginning of John Neil Munkres, born of Mr. and Mrs. Neil Munkres on August 16, 1924, a descendant of the earliest pioneers of Nebraska, and a descendant of everything that is truly American.

It was seen early in his life that Jack, or "Monk", as he was known to many of

us, was destined to stand head and shoulders above the multitude, for he was twice awarded the American Legion Award for outstanding achievements, was graduated from high school with high academic honors and served as salutatorian of his class. Following high school, he entered the University of Nebraska studying engineering and becoming a member of the Sigma Chi Fraternity.

Shortly after the entry of his beloved country into World War II, Jack entered the Army to do his part in the turmoil. While in the Army the chance presented itself, and Jack recognized and accepted the opportunity for further training—an appointment to the United States Military Academy. At West Point, Jack excelled in his own way, creating friends beyond count and developing the great attributes of a magnificent leader. There, too, he availed himself of a long awaited ambition to fly and as he had learned to live by flying, he ultimately died by it.

Lieutenant's bars saw Jack through Fighter Transition and Gunnery at Williams Field, Arizona and subsequent assignment to the 47th Bombardment Group at El Paso, Texas, and finally to his last station in Japan. Jack was never one to complain openly about hardships, no matter



how grave, and whenever there was a task to be done or a volunteer desired, one could count on "Monk". That is how it was that Jack found himself in Japan in May 1948. Assigned to the 315th Composite Wing as Assistant Intelligence Officer, he assumed his office and his flying duties with a devotion that is known to few men. It can certainly be said that he was a firm believer in the saying that "A job worth doing is worth doing well," for countless hours have witnessed the meticulous care with which he carried out an assignment, no detail left untended. Work always came first for Jack, and in the few short years of his service he more than repaid the investment of the American people in his training and education. But this was the way with Jack, he never received more than he gave.

As was expected, Jack was ready to do his share when the Korean conflict began. He might have said that this was not his war nor his people that we were fighting and dying for, but instead, he willingly took up the sword against the oppressor and aggressor, fighting not merely for worldly things, but for an ideal. He performed his duty with a will, that others might enjoy the opportunities that had brought such a fruitful and hopeful life to him. His name will not be forgotten, he who championed life, love and freedom.

Jack flew sixty combat missions in the

F-80's during the period June 25-August 15, 1950, and subsequently flew additional missions in F-51's when his unit was equipped with the latter type of aircraft. On August 15, 1950, shortly after he and his wingman had taken off on a pre-dawn mission, he experienced engine trouble, and had started to turn back to the field when his aircraft caught fire. Not being too far from shore, he risked his life attempting to save a costly piece of equipment, but lost the battle trying. The seas parted and received him and then closed around him. There he died, not far from the place where he had met his beloved wife, the former Miss Alper Claudia Vestal.

For his meritorious service, Jack's wife received, in his behalf, the Purple Heart, the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, at a ceremony conducted at Bolling Air Force Base. In the minds of those who knew and loved him, he will always wear the badge of courage and the cloak of unselfish devotion to Duty, Honor and Country. The Long Gray Line is truly proud of its son.

—Robert K. Wright.

at the University of Virginia, where he continued in this service. In July 1944 he entered West Point and remained there until his graduation in 1947.

Bob wanted with all his heart to be a good soldier. All who knew him testify that he was indeed a good soldier.

A commanding officer writes: "Not only was Bob a fine soldier and a wonderful leader but he was an outstanding gentleman. He had been selected to command the Tank Company and like everything else he did he achieved a high degree of success. It was while leading his platoon in an attack a few miles East of Hoengsong, Korea, that he met his death. As always he was leading his platoon. Bob always exhibited a high sense of honor and integrity; the Service lost a very promising and capable young officer, while those of us who knew him lost a valued friend"

Bob's men loved him and respected him because he took such great concern for their welfare. A fellow officer states: "Bob and I served together in this company since July of 1949. I had been impressed with his character and conscientiousness; and his regard for the welfare of his men gave us all a high regard for him. Bob's conduct

of Heaven, voices of men like Bob warn us, call us to turn out, to stand to our posts for Christendom, saying:

"Christian, dost thou see them  
On the holy ground,  
How the powers of darkness  
Rage thy steps around?  
Christian, up and smite them,  
Counting gain but loss,  
In the strength that cometh  
By the Holy Cross".

—H. Thomas Pateman.

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### Einar Glenn Lundy

NO. 16241 CLASS OF 1947

KILLED DECEMBER 19, 1950, IN A PLANE CRASH  
IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS,  
AGED 25 YEARS.

Rather early in Lieutenant Glenn Lundy's public school education, it became evident that he possessed superior intelligence and native ability. Completing his high school course in three and a half years, he showed evidence of ability and wide interests.

In his high school science courses, he learned to think his way through a problem and to solve it. He was elected by his fellow students to be the official Photo-Editor of the local high school annual for two years. In his last year of high school, he enrolled in a special course in aeronautics for the senior boys who expected to volunteer for the Air Corps, as many were expecting to be drafted at that time. This is significant as the outgrowth of an earlier hobby in constructing and flying model airplanes.

Throughout his high school course he was known by his teachers as being uncommonly alert and observing, capable, level-headed, honest and dependable. Both students and teachers recognized that he was freely cooperative and willing to participate in various high school activities. These attitudes and habits became an integral part of his thinking and were automatically carried over into his college, professional and graduate work.

In the middle of his high school curriculum, Glenn displayed an unusual interest in the duties and responsibilities of citizenship. He was selected by the high school faculty and students as one of the representatives of his school at the "South Dakota Boys' State" where he was selected leader of his group. His counselor ranked him as being outstanding. In a test given on government and citizenship to 270 boys attending, Glenn ranked in the upper ten percent.

Evidence of leadership appeared early in Glenn's life. In common with many boys of his age, Glenn was encouraged to earn part of his spending money and to be thrifty in spending it for those things which he wanted for his own. Like many American boys, he early took on the responsibility for a paper route and learned to keep accurate records of all money earned and expended. From this he learned the value of money and developed a determination to persist in his first business venture and to discipline himself to be always on duty whether he felt so disposed or not.

Glenn entered the Boy Scout program when he was twelve years old, advancing up the ladder of rank from Tenderfoot until, after five years, he became an Eagle Scout. From that point on, he filled most of the leadership positions, becoming first an assistant Scout Master and finally assuming full leadership for his local troop. The

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### Robert Miller Garvin

NO. 16296 CLASS OF 1947

KILLED IN ACTION, FEBRUARY 3, 1951, IN  
KOREA, AGED 26 YEARS.

"God of the living, in whose eyes  
Unveiled Thy whole creation lies,  
All souls are Thine; we must not say  
That those are dead who pass away;  
From this our world of flesh set free,  
We know them living unto Thee."

ROBERT MILLER GARVIN was born in Steubenville, Ohio, on September 1, 1924. He grew up in an atmosphere of love and faith. His mother and father sought for Bob and Larry the security of a home founded on love and devotion to God and to family. The boys came to cherish the teachings of Christ Jesus, and the whole family came to understand thoroughly that life only begins here in the flesh, that life with God is eternal, and that what men call death is but a breath-taking, momentary, leap Godward for men and women of faith.

Bob, as a lad, was active in outdoor sports, scouting, and the many activities of his parish church. He was a baptized and confirmed member of the Episcopal Church. His father was, and is now, a vestryman of St. Stephen's Church; his mother has served faithfully in the Church School as director of the kindergarten and nursery. Bob and his twin brother Larry have been Acolytes, Crucifers, and Lay-Readers in the Church. Once when the boys were called upon to write sermons and to preach, Bob wrote a sermon on the text: "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth".

We know that Bob believed in fulfilling the advice of that text from the Book of Ecclesiastes. He gave evidence of his steadfast belief in the importance of worshiping and serving God. His zeal to serve the church was noted by his friends at college and at the Academy. His fellow soldiers have witnessed to his faith and have written of his desire to have them worship with him. To all who knew him, Bob gave evidence of being a faithful and true soldier of Christ.

Like so many of our young men, Bob was caught up in the turmoil of World War II. At Washington and Lee University, he answered his country's call by serving in the Navy's V-12 program during his freshman year. His sophomore year was spent



during the action in which he was killed left nothing to be desired and reflected great credit on himself. He was killed instantly while leading his tank platoon in an attack on heavily manned enemy positions. His coolness under fire inspired every man in the platoon"

Letter after letter came from the men who knew him and loved him witnessing to his courage and valor under fire. His one thought seemed to be to pave the way for victory for those who followed him. It is evident that he took no thought for his own safety; he was striving only to fight a good fight.

Bob Garvin, we know, lives on in the presence of the God of the Living. His earthly life gave every indication of eternal qualities. Like the many fine young men who have given their lives in order that we who profess to be Christians may yet have the time to conquer the world for Christ, Bob believed us to be serious about fulfilling our Lord's Commands. Perhaps those of us who owe so much to these young men may yet awaken from our long period of lethargy. Perhaps, being inspired by such good soldiers, so brave and so true, we may yet vindicate their faith, their trust in us.

From the outposts of Christendom, stalwart young soldiers like Bob are seeking to hold the line. And from the outposts

scout executive for the "Sioux Council, Incorporated" said, "He demonstrated his leadership ability not only through troop contact but through service on the council camp staff".

It is noteworthy that in all of these early activities, Glenn's superiors all recommended him without reservation. This seemed to be true of his instructors, both in high school and college, business concerns, and those who knew him well as friends. Almost unanimously they recommended him "unqualifiedly" as having excellent promise in whatever field it was to be his lot to enter.

The ability to plan and to achieve his purposes was a cumulative trait in Glenn as he progressed toward his ultimate goal. This aptitude developed gradually and stemmed from his varied activities. Orderliness and systematic planning became an attitude of mind as Glenn organized his life so as to limit and direct his activities in preparation for what he wanted to do. This was not so evident at first, but in retrospect of his various activities, it became more obvious as the pattern of his life. Apparently, each major step of his short career had been carefully planned and thought out. This was especially true when he was first drafted in World War II, and later entered into the Army Specialized Training Program. After his induction at Fort Snelling and later training at Fort Benning, Georgia, he was transferred to Fort Bragg from whence young soldiers were to be sent overseas to fill the 100th Division.

At Fort Bragg an officer advised and interested Glenn to seek Senator Bushfield's, then unfilled current appointment to West Point. In this endeavor Glenn was successful.

After graduation from West Point in June 1947, Glenn served for one year with the Strategic Air Command at Andrews Field, Washington, D. C. He was then sent to the Graduate School of Business Administration at Harvard University, where he received his Master's degree in June 1950. As a First Lieutenant he was then assigned to serve with the 13th Air Force in the Philippine



Islands. He was killed on December 19, 1950, in a plane crash on Mount Tabayoc in the Philippines.

With all of us, character traits are difficult to analyze and evaluate at any given stage of our lives. This is especially true of younger people where the dynamics of fruitful living are still in the process of formation. In trying to describe or evaluate Glenn's characteristics, one is impressed by the unanimously favorable opinion of his friends, teachers, counselors and fellow

officers. Thus in estimating Glenn's traits of character one cannot fail to note that those who knew him well saw certain sterling qualities emerge. His forthright honesty, ability, dependability, serious-mindedness, self-control; his character above reproach; his constructive outlook on life; his cooperativeness; his liberal attitude of mind; and his progressiveness are expressions frequently used concerning him. These descriptions of his characteristics appear so often that their significance in so young a man cannot be underrated.

Family fiancée, and friends mourn the loss of a loving helpful son, brother, prospective husband and friend. The nation has lost an outstanding young officer and a leader of promise, and an upright citizen.

—Prof. W. F. Kumlien, Ph.D.,  
Head, Rural Sociology Dept.,  
South Dakota State College.

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**Walker Syer Bradshaw**

NO. 16498 CLASS OF 1948

DIED NOVEMBER 11, 1950, IN TOKYO, JAPAN,  
AGED 24 YEARS.

CAPTAIN WALKER SYER BRADSHAW was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on October 5, 1926, the son of James Syer and Anita Mary Bradshaw. He received his early education at the State Normal School and Milwaukee Country Day School and from 1942 to 1944 attended Phillips Exeter Academy, from which he was graduated with highest honors. He won Senator LaFollette's appointment to West Point and entered the Academy on July 1, 1944.

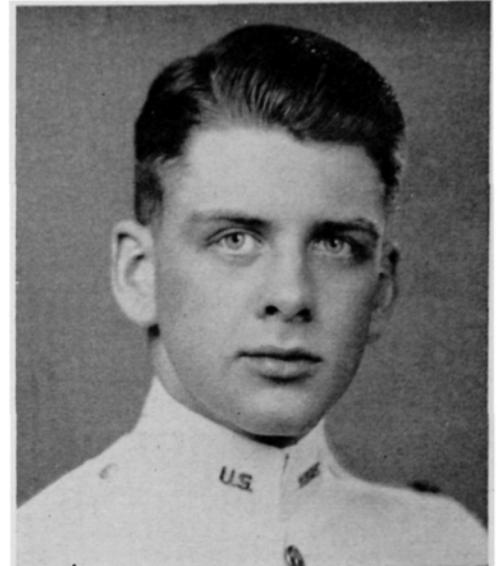
Walker's father, who died when Walker was twelve, was a graduate of the Military Academy, Class of '06, and everything at West Point reminded Walker of the many tales he had never tired of hearing from his father when he was a small boy. One of his proudest moments at the Academy was when the Class of '06 had its fortieth reunion in June Week 1946 and Walker, then a yearling corporal, stood in the midst of his father's classmates, next to General Wainwright, for the class picture.

Walker was graduated 27th in his class and chose the Corps of Engineers as his branch. After graduation furlough he drove off in high spirits to Fort Riley for his Officers' Basic Course with a parting: "Fort Riley, here I come!" Four months later he was back for his last Christmas at home—a gay, happy time—after which he left for Fort Belvoir and his Basic Engineer Officers' Course. He received his diploma in May 1949 and was assigned to Okinawa, arriving there immediately after the typhoon "Gloria" had blown away half the island. He was assigned to the 82nd Engineers Aviation Battalion and did a great deal of work on the airstrips, so that when the Korean War came, his battalion was sent immediately to Korea to build airfields for the Air Force—first at Taegu and then east of Pusan.

It was at Pusan that he contracted poliomyelitis and was sent to the Army hospital at Fukuoka, Japan. In spite of the severity of the attack, he improved fairly rapidly during the first weeks at this hospital and dictated long, cheerful letters to his family and friends. He had been recommended for a captaincy just before his illness, and the fact that the promotion came through while he was in the hospital, was a source of great encouragement and pleasure to him. After about five weeks he was moved to the Tokyo Army hospital as the first step of the

long journey home, but there it was found that the polio virus had evidently affected his heart muscles and he died quite suddenly on November 11th. He was buried on December 6th beside his father at Forest Home Cemetery in Milwaukee. He is survived by his mother and a sister, Anita.

Walker was awarded the Legion of Merit posthumously "for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service" while in Korea. Wonderful let-



ters have come from his superior officers and his classmates—letters of commendation and praise from his superiors, letters expressing the love and respect of his friends and classmates. Many spoke of his enthusiasm and sincerity, of a promising career cut so short; and his "outfit" in Korea, the 82nd E. A. B., contributed over \$2,400, to the "March of Dimes" to be sent to his mother, so that she could give it to the Milwaukee chapter in his memory—a touching tribute to Walker and a source of great pride and comfort to his family. The tragedy of death is for the living—Walker can happily take his place beside his father in that "Long Gray Line".

—His Mother.

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**Patteson Gilliam**

NO. 16574 CLASS OF 1948

KILLED IN ACTION, AUGUST 22, 1950, IN  
KOREA, AGED 23 YEARS.

CONSIDERED from all aspects, Pat had a very full life. He was only twenty-three when he was shot down in a F-51 near Uisong, Korea, but he had had many experiences—some pleasant, some not; in fact, from the time he was born he seemed to be rushing through the pains and joys of life.

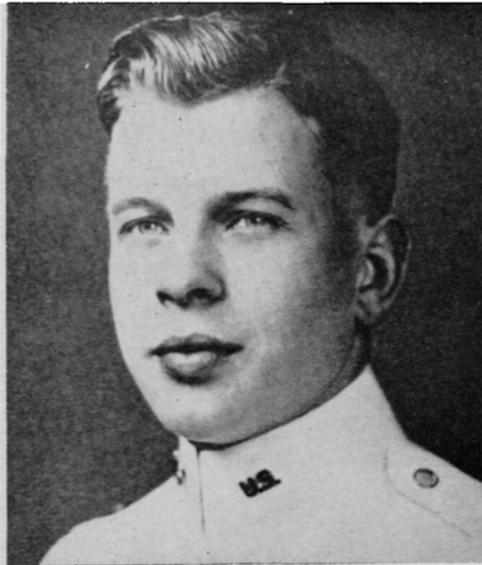
Patteson Gilliam was born in Petersburg, Virginia on August 31st, 1926. His parents were Robert Skelton Gilliam and Jennie Bell Patteson Gilliam, who had previously given birth to a boy and a girl bearing their respective names. Pat was thirteen years younger than his brother; nine years younger than his sister—and was therefore referred to, and treated as, "the grandchild" even before he was born. Some of his parents' close friends thought Pat would be brighter, more intelligent than the other children because his parents were older; all of their friends and relatives seemed to feel

that in some respect Pat would be outstanding.

A few months after Pat's birth, the Gilliams moved to Johnson City, Tennessee, and before he was five, they moved to Columbia, South Carolina, for a short time—and then back to Petersburg, where Pat went to grammar and high school.

During the formative years of his life, asthma probably directly and indirectly influenced his life more than any other one thing. He was overcome by this awful condition early in life and suffered more than most people suffer throughout their lives. His mother spent many a night and day comforting him—by reading, talking, and playing games. When he was older, he learned to amuse himself by reading, performing electrical or chemical experiments, stamp collecting, or by concentrating on any of the many things which interested him. He learned how to be happy under adverse conditions; how to fight against odds; how it is possible to attain practically any goal if a real effort be made.

In school he was a good student without being too good. The asthma caused him to miss so much time that he was never at the top in his class, but he was always close to it. Another factor was that Pat appre-



ciated jokes and enjoyed playing pranks. He made friends easily and early. Pat, as a youngster, was an active member of the Boy Scouts of America. He liked games such as football and baseball—but he dearly loved to roam the woods and hunt, and to fish in one of the nearby rivers. Somehow he learned early the value of money and always had a scheme for making it and a better one for saving it.

Pat was not obstinate but he was certainly persistent. His father would be so amused by his persistency that he usually laughed and gave in to Pat's whims. Fortunately, Pat was persistent only when he should have been. If he ever felt anything was important to accomplish, he would accomplish it.

Upon graduating from high school, Pat entered the Virginia Military Institute and remained there for about a year and a half. He wanted to enter the Air Corps but he was persuaded to enter West Point instead. Undoubtedly this decision, which necessitated his missing active duty in World War II, influenced his decision in June, 1950, to volunteer for duty in the combat area of the Far East.

Pat's four years at the Point are a matter of record. His tenure there was probably similar to that of his other classmates, except that at first it must have been a

struggle for him to maintain his physical condition. By the time he graduated he had so improved himself physically that he was six feet tall and weighed one hundred and eighty-five pounds. Asthma had practically left him and he had become healthy. He was a youthful-looking, handsome blond—loved and respected by his many close friends.

His suffering and his close relationship with his parents must have influenced Pat toward becoming the quietly religious person that he was; he frequently served as Crucifer and Acolyte at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Petersburg, Virginia. He was surely a regular fellow, yet one could not help but feel that there was almost a divine goodness about him. He seemed to have a wise understanding of life itself and of all the good things on earth. He knew how to please people and tried to do so whenever possible; he understood his parents' feelings for him, and respected them.

After training at Lackland and Randolph Fields, Texas, he went to Las Vegas, Nevada, where he was the first in his class to "solo". After receiving his "wings" on September 30, 1949 he was assigned to duty at Hamilton Field, California. He was promoted to the rank of First Lieutenant, and served as Adjutant of his organization. Pat made many new friends at these four posts. He volunteered for duty in Korea, and on July 10, 1950 he was transferred to Japan. There he flew F-80's and F-51's on missions to Korea, and spent his spare time looking up his friends and discussing with them the problems of the world. Letters from his friends indicate that he brought them comfort and inspiration.

Pat was shot down behind enemy lines on August 22, 1950, and apparently did not have time to escape from the F-51 after he determined that he could not fly to friendly territory. Apparently he was thrown from the plane upon impact; he must have died instantly, which was especially fitting in view of the pain he suffered early in life. He had a quick but full life. On September 28, 1950, two of Pat's friends—Captain Edward E. Sharp and First Lieutenant Rodman Saville—found the wreckage of the aircraft and recovered his remains. Pat was buried in United Nations Cemetery No. 2 near Taegu, Korea. Posthumous awards of the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal (with two Oak Leaf Clusters) and the Purple Heart were made to him and presented to his parents in a ceremony at Langley Air Force Base, Virginia, on 21 April 1951.

Pat leaves as survivors, in his immediate family in addition to his parents, his sister, Mrs. James H. Powell of Petersburg, Virginia, and his brother, Robert S. Gilliam, Jr. of Nyack, New York. Pat's many Army and Air Force friends have brought much comfort and relief to his family through their kind and considerate letters.

—R. S. Gilliam, Jr.

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**John Martin Nelson**

NO. 16662 CLASS OF 1948

KILLED IN ACTION, AUGUST 10, 1950, IN KOREA, AGED 24 YEARS.

MARTY NELSON, who had everything to live for, and the gallantry to lose his life in pursuit of a great ideal, was killed August 10, 1951, near Chinju while leading an Infantry patrol in the defense of the Pusan perimeter.

Marty, the oldest son of Colonel and Mrs.

O. A. Nelson, was born twenty-four years ago in Syracuse, New York. He spent his first fifteen years in various Coast Artillery posts, until we entered World War II. He finished his high school at Christian Brothers Academy in Syracuse and, upon graduation, he entered Syracuse University. A year later, he joined the Army and within a few months, in July 1944, he entered West Point. While at the Academy he took part in about every activity available, and he was a mainstay of the Company D-1 intramural athletic teams. After graduation in 1948 he went to Fort Riley with most of his Class. At Christmas, 1948, he married Miss Virginia Doyle of Syracuse, and after the wedding they went to Fort Benning. In August Marty sailed for Japan where he was assigned to the 25th Division. A year later he was in Korea.

At present Mrs. Nelson lives in Syracuse with their daughter, Kathleen Martin, who was born in November 1949. Marty's parents are now stationed in Whittier, Alaska, with their youngest son, Ola. Another son Tom, is a cadet at West Point.

Marty's death conveys a real sense of loss to anyone who knew him. For those of us who loved him, his death leaves a gap in our hearts that time cannot heal.



The ways of God are strange. It is sometimes difficult to understand why He would take from us in his youth a person whom so many held in such high regard. Marty was a loving husband and father, devoted to his wife and baby. He was a source of pride to his parents and a hard-to-equal example to his brothers. His ability to rise to the top of his profession on the basis of his qualifications for leadership was already evident in his boyhood, though he had little chance to demonstrate it in his short life. If he knew he was good, he kept it to himself. His list of friends is long. He was very popular and was much in demand in any group of his associates. He had a fine sense of humor and loved a good time and, though conscientious about his duties, he was never one to worry much about the future. We so often said of him: "Don't worry about Marty—he can take care of himself".

We know he took care of himself at Chinju. He was not a man, with the responsibilities of life which he had assumed, to throw away his life heedlessly. To our most gratifying comfort we know that he took care of himself all through his life. Perhaps, after all, the ways of God are not so strange. Like us, He wants to be surrounded by those He loves.

—Cadet Thomas W. Nelson, his brother.

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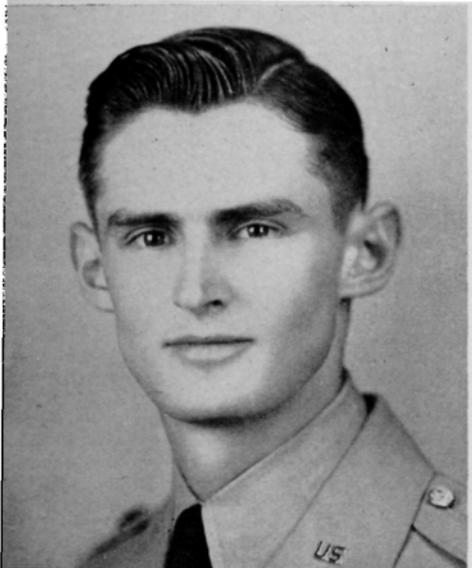
**Tenney Kutz Ross**

NO. 16737 CLASS OF 1948

KILLED IN ACTION, NOVEMBER 6, 1950,  
IN KOREA, AGED 24 YEARS.

TENNEY ROSS was born into the Army, both his father and mother having come from Army families. His ambitions and ideals were those of the Army, and during his brief career he came in contact with almost every phase of Army life, from training schools to the battlefield.

He first went to Korea with the 29th Infantry Regiment, which had been on garrison duty on the island of Okinawa. This regiment had the misfortune to be badly mauled in an ambush during the last week of July 1950 when the Eighth Army was being driven back to the Naktong river line in southeast Korea. The fighting of the 29th Regiment near Chinju helped greatly to slow the Communist attack toward Pusan, and gave the United Nations units badly



needed time to reorganize. Tenney was seriously wounded during this action and was evacuated to a hospital in Japan. Several months later, on being returned to duty, he turned down an opportunity to take an assignment in Japan in order to rejoin his comrades in Korea. The 29th Infantry had been deactivated and the survivors assigned to the 27th Infantry Regiment, a part of the 25th Division. Tenney became a platoon leader in "L" Company of that regiment. Less than a month later on November 6, 1950, near Kojang-ni in North Korea, Tenney was killed in action.

Those are brief words to describe the pain and suffering of Tenney's service and injuries in Korea. There are no words to lessen the loss his death brought to his family and friends. Here I will quote in its entirety a letter written by General of the Army Douglas MacArthur to Tenney's mother. It puts into words thoughts a lesser man could not adequately express.

"Dear Mrs. Ross:

"The untimely and tragic loss of your son, Tenney, who met his death on the field of battle in Korea, has shocked all of us deeply. Some measure of comfort may be derived from the knowledge that he died in the service of his country and in the defense of a peace-loving people.

"I am confident that his devotion to duty, at the cost of all he held dear, will hasten

the day when ruthless aggression shall disappear from the face of the earth and free men everywhere will live together in peace and harmony.

"Our faith enables us to withstand the shock and grief of death. It is my earnest prayer that Almighty God will sustain and strengthen you in this hour of trial. While the loss of your beloved one will be a hardship, we know that no life is really lost for those who have faith in God.

"Sincerely yours,

Douglas MacArthur."

Tenney throughout his life exhibited many traits of character for which he was admired by all who knew him. There was a natural humility of spirit and a degree of self control only possible in a God-fearing man with great moral strength. The opinion of the men who served under Tenney is indicated by a letter written to Tenney's father from a Master Sergeant. This sergeant had served with Tenney in the 29th Infantry and was First Sergeant of "L" Company, 27th Infantry, during the period that Tenney was with that company. Here is a brief quotation from that letter: "I only knew your son from a professional standpoint but I can truthfully say he was a superior soldier in all respects, especially military bearing and personal appearance" Undoubtedly Tenney's honesty and forthrightness in all his actions made him an unusually capable officer.

It was during Tenney's hospitalization after he was wounded that he displayed his most outstanding personal characteristic; his unselfishness. I was with Tenney for a few days in the Tokyo Army Hospital and had the opportunity to see him frequently under those far from normal circumstances. There was never any time that he hesitated to do anything to make the other patients' lot easier. Once he himself was able to get out of bed, he often went out of his way cheerfully to help those who were confined to their beds.

It was while in this hospital that Tenney made a choice that illustrates more than any other single instance his complete disregard for his own personal welfare. Having already experienced the dangers and discomforts of military combat, he chose to return to Korea rather than remain in the comparative safety of Japan. Only a man with a deep sense of responsibility toward his Army career, and to ideals well beyond any thought of personal gain, could have made this decision that cost him his life.

We are still too close to Tenney to be able to reconcile the fact of his death. His memory is too real to allow him to be shut into the past. In the minds of those who knew and loved him, his personality is a living thing that time cannot remove. His life was short and in many ways incomplete, yet it was so filled by the godly virtues of humility, courage, and self-sacrifice that it serves as an enduring example to those of us still living.

—William G. Thomas, Jr.

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**Ralph Maurice Buffington**

NO. 16855 CLASS OF 1949

DIED AUGUST 12, 1950, OF WOUNDS RECEIVED  
IN ACTION, IN KOREA, AGED 23 YEARS.

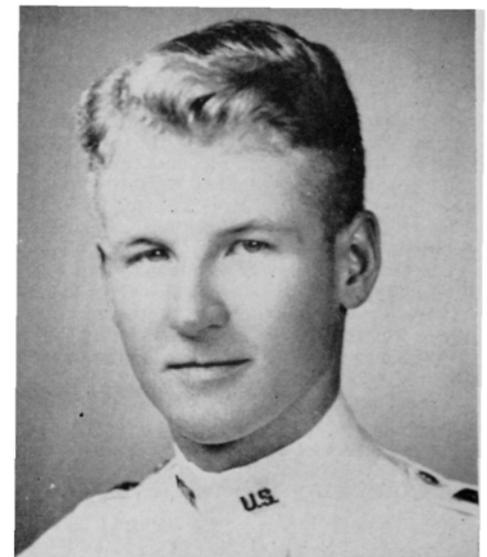
RALPH MAURICE BUFFINGTON, Class of 1949, died August 12, 1950, of wounds received in action, in Korea. He is survived by his widow, Barbara Buffington, of 1141 Patrick

Henry Drive, Falls Church, Virginia, and by his mother, Hildegarde Buffington, of 242 Bougainvillea Street, Sarasota, Florida.

The call of duty has taken one of our finest officers. His loyalty, counsel and friendship will be sorely missed in the years to come by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

Ralph, at an early age, had the desire to become an Army officer. Perhaps the late Major Ralph Buffington, Ralph's father, gave his son the motivation for an Army career. Major Buffington was a member of the Veterinary Corps, Regular Army.

Buff was born at the Station Hospital, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, on September 16, 1926. His early years were spent on Army posts. But, due to the untimely death of Major Buffington, Ralph, with his mother, settled in Arlington, Virginia. Buff entered Sidwell Friends School in Washington, D. C., where he graduated from the grammar school in 1939. At Friends Ralph began to amass the outstanding academic records that he maintained throughout his formal schooling. After two years of high school at Sidwell Friends, Buff entered New Mexico Military Institute in 1942. With



his usual display of talent Ralph graduated second in his class at N.M.M.I. in June 1944.

Ralph next enrolled in Stanford University at Palo Alto, California, in September 1944. Here he remained for only three semesters, for he had secured his appointment to West Point in the summer of 1944 by attaining the highest mark in the examination held by his Congressman in the State of Virginia.

He entered the Military Academy on July 2, 1945 and set about adjusting himself to the rigors of the life of a Plebe. In this first year at West Point, Ralph made lifelong friends. All who knew him then can recall his unselfishness, thoughtfulness and uncanny ability to keep calm throughout any seemingly major crisis. These were unusual attributes for an immature plebe. However, Ralph Buffington had brought a mature mind to West Point. His advice was sought after by his classmates. As a member of L-2 Company, he contributed materially to all phases of cadet life. He was conspicuous in intramural football, lacrosse, soccer, and wrestling. Ralph belonged to the Skeet, Chess and Ski Clubs. However, he revealed his outstanding characteristic by his unselfish work in academic coaching. This work was detrimental to Ralph's own marks, since he most often coached underclassmen, but the satisfaction of helping others was enough inducement for him. Many men of L-2 owe their re-

maining at the Academy to his unselfish aid to them. Arnold Galiffa, All America Quarterback, was among the many cadets Ralph helped along.

A memorable event in Ralph's life occurred during the winter of 1946, for on Christmas leave of his Yearling year he met Barbara Jeanne Duquette of Sarasota, Florida. During Second and First Class years, Ralph and Barbara were constant companions. These were probably two of the happiest years Buff ever spent. The day after graduation this beautiful relationship was consummated with the marriage of Ralph and Barbara in the Cadet Chapel.

On June 7, 1949 Ralph graduated from the Academy and was commissioned in the Corps of Engineers. After a sixty day leave the Buffingtons reported for duty at Fort Riley, Kansas. Here Buff attended the Officers Basic Course at the Ground General School. This training lasted through December. His next duty station was Fort Belvoir, Virginia. Here he attended the Basic Engineer Officers Course. Ralph graduated fifth in his class at Belvoir.

With this much of his Army schooling completed, Buff was assigned to Japan for duty. He was given a leave before reporting to Fort Mason, San Francisco, California, for overseas shipment. On this leave he visited his family in New York and began a motor trip to California. He and Barbara stopped off on the way and visited classmates and friends at Fort Sill and Enid, Oklahoma, and in California.

Barbara and Ralph reached Yokohama, Japan, on July 8, 1950. With the Korean conflict in full swing, he was assigned to the 14th Engineer Combat Battalion of the 24th Division. On July 12 the 14th Engineer Combat Battalion left Japan for Korea.

On August 12 Ralph was lost to us. I say lost—only in body—because this true and faithful friend will remain in the minds of all of us who loved him. He can never be lost to those whose lives have become richer for having known him.

—Goble W. Bryant, Jr., '49.

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**Courtenay Chirm Davis, Jr.**

NO. 17307 CLASS OF 1949

KILLED IN ACTION SEPTEMBER 13, 1950, IN KOREA, AGED 24 YEARS.

COURTENAY C. DAVIS, JR., was born on the 18th of June 1926 in Chicago, Illinois, the first of three children of Mr. and Mrs. Courtenay Davis, Sr. His early life was spent in Kenilworth, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago. He attended New Trier High School in Kenilworth, and when he graduated there in June 1944, he left a very impressive record, especially in athletics, behind him. After graduation from high school, Courtenay attended Lawrenceville School in New Jersey in preparation for entrance into Princeton, his father's Alma Mater. During his stay at Lawrenceville, the Davis residence was changed to Wyoming, and it was from the State of Wyoming that Courtenay received and accepted his appointment to the United States Military Academy.

Upon entering the Academy on July 2, 1945, Courtenay or "Court", as most of his friends at the Academy knew him, naturally found the life there a bit different than that he had been leading. However, due to his great desire for activity and his ability to adapt himself quickly to a new and difficult situation, Court soon found that the rigorous schedule of cadet life, even during "Beast Barracks", was to his liking. The unlimited sports facilities at the Academy provided Court with a source of great enjoyment, for there was not a sport

in which he did not excel. Too small for most varsity teams, Court's intercollegiate activities were limited to the hockey team, of which he was a varsity member for three years. His athletic efforts were not limited to this single sport however. He was the mainstay and backbone of every intramural team he played on; and he spent practically all of his free time either at the gym playing squash or handball or out on the Plain playing football, softball, soccer,



lacrosse, or any other sport the season provided. Court lived for athletics and the challenge every contest presented, and he carried this same spirit with him when he entered combat in Korea, the biggest contest and challenge he had yet faced.

Court's career never got the chance to develop into its full glory; for he was killed in Korea on the 13th day of September 1950, just thirteen days after entering combat. He died of machine-gun wounds received as he was leading his platoon, the assault platoon, in an attack on what was known as "Hill 188" In this attack and in the other skirmishes and patrol activities in which he had led his men, Court proved himself to be the type of leader he had wanted to be so badly. He demonstrated the courage, the determination, and the undeniable will-to-win that I had seen him demonstrate for four years at the Academy; and of even greater importance, he won the admiration, respect, and complete confidence of his fellow officers and of the men he led. He met and completely surmounted the biggest challenge of his life—that of successfully leading men in combat. I hope he realized before his death that he was a successful and admired leader, for I know that to know that would have given him infinite relief and satisfaction.

The United States Army, the Davis family, Courtenay's wife, Molly, and all of Courtenay's many friends have suffered an immeasurable loss; but knowing Court as I am sure I did, I know that he would not want anyone to shed tears for him. He would want us all to feel that his time had come, and that he had merely answered the final call.

—Wayne A. Norby.

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**Roger Joseph Kelly**

NO. 17323 CLASS OF 1949

DIED SEPTEMBER 28, 1950, IN KOREA, AGED 24 YEARS.

LIEUTENANT ROGER JOSEPH KELLY, born in San Francisco, California, was the son of Marie Costello Kelly and the late Joseph

Kelly. He was graduated from West Point with the Class of 1949 and served at Fort Riley, Kansas, and Fort Benning, Georgia.

As a boy, Roger attended St. Ignatius High School in San Francisco. His chief interests and activities were in outdoor life and Scouting, in which he rose to the rank of Eagle Scout. He was an amateur artist and musician. At West Point he will be remembered for his activities in the "100th Night Show", of which he was an associate director.

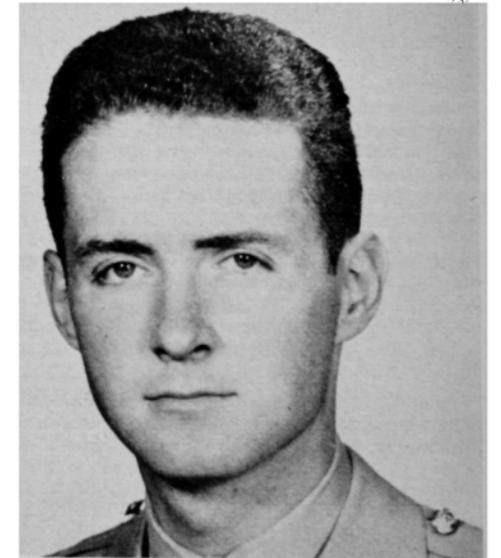
His friendly manner and sincere interest in people brought him a host of friends from every walk of life. His letters to his family and friends were filled with cheer and encouragement. In spite of the environment in which he found himself in Korea, one of the last letters he wrote while on a day's rest behind the lines, illustrates his utterly unselfish devotion to duty.

Soon after this letter was written Lieutenant Kelly returned to the mortal struggle of the battlefield, where he became ill. Although he was urged to report to the aid station because of a headache and fever, he refused to leave his men and struggled through another day until ordered from active duty on September 23rd. Characteristic of his determination to carry on were his words, reported by his superior officer, Lieutenant Colonel Kinney, who saw him at the aid station just before he was evacuated—"Colonel, don't think I'm dead beating." Colonel Kinney assured him he didn't.

Roger died in Pusan Hospital, Korea, on September 28, 1950, a victim of acute encephalitis.

He led a full, happy life in the brief span allotted to him. He had fulfilled his dreams when he was commissioned in the United States Army. He leaves behind him a mighty example of goodness, unselfishness and gallantry, because he was utterly unspoiled, deeply religious—yet filled with the joy of life.

No greater tribute to his dependability, fidelity and sacrifice could be paid Roger than by the letters such as this one coming to his family from Brigadier General Gar Davidson. "It must give his family some degree of comfort to know of his exceptional



devotion to his duty and his country. Bad as he was feeling, he was imbued with so much pride and such a high sense of duty, that he only went to the aid station under compulsion, ultimately to give the maximum he had to offer for his country." These letters have brought comfort to the mother of an only son, and have helped reconcile her to his sacrifice on the altar of national devotion.

To those of us who have watched Roger's character unfold through the years, the loss

is a deep one, for we have turned with him the pages in his book of life, only to have reached the final chapter tragically and too soon. His greatest monument is enshrined in the memories of those who knew and loved him. This world is a better place because he passed our way.

—A. K. B.

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**Wayne Stewart Moore, Jr.**

NO. 17221 CLASS OF 1949

KILLED JUNE 29, 1950, IN AN AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT, NEAR WILLIAMS AIR FORCE BASE, ARIZONA, AGED 24 YEARS.

LIEUTENANT WAYNE STEWART MOORE, JR., was born on April 14, 1926, in Troy, N. Y., the son of Wayne Stewart and Virginia Findlater Moore. He was killed shortly before his graduation from the Jet Fighter School at Williams Air Force Base, Arizona, when his F-80, caught fire, crashed, and exploded.

Wayne grew to manhood in the Army, since his father was an officer of Engineers, Class of '20. Beginning when he was only six years old, he spent four years as a boy at West Point and thereafter made frequent visits. West Point was always home to him and there seems never to have been a question but that he would some day be a cadet and eventually an officer, though he was sometimes troubled by doubts that he could make it. In his youth his efforts were inspired by the goal which he kept always before him.

Like so many Army boys, his early education was hampered by a succession of transfers from school to school. This he accepted without complaint as one of the necessary difficulties of life in the Army, of which he was always proud. A firm resolution to do his best in everything, in spite of the obstacles in his path, was always apparent, and later was to see him through West Point.

In 1944 he graduated from high school in Wilmington, N. C., where he made many warm friendships that were to survive the ensuing years and endure in memory, as attested by letters from his high school classmates since his death. To prepare for West Point he attended Sullivan's in Washington, where he worked so hard and so earnestly that, although certain commitments for his appointment to West Point had been revoked, he placed high enough in the keen Presidential competition that he was eventually admitted as a qualified candidate to fill a late vacancy. Thus he won through his own efforts the right to become a cadet.

As a cadet he was completely happy in the knowledge that he was a part of West Point and that he had the opportunity to measure himself by her standards and to absorb her ideals and traditions. He was deeply troubled by any event which tended to suggest anything less than complete devotion to West Point.

Two of his classmates have written:

"Wayne put his heart and mind into everything he undertook. No one could have been around him without being impressed by his sincerity. Combined with his other fine qualities, this made him a man of whom West Point can justly be proud. Probably many people would say he was quiet, and compared to some he was, but he was an inseparable friend to those of us who had the privilege of being close to him. His subtle wit and humor were incomparable. Wayne was an idealist in personal life and religion, and his beliefs could not be shaken by either persons or events. To those of us left behind, our daily lives can-

not help but be molded by our respect and admiration for Wayne, his hopes, his dreams, and his ideals".

Wayne was never, as boy or man, one who would be classed as daring. But he chose the Air Force and, upon completion of basic training, chose jet fighters. It seems that he simply knew the kind of job he wanted to do and challenged himself to meet its requirements. When he was chosen for jet training, and again when he soloed, he was so happy, proud and confident, that his death, through no fault of his own, as far as can be determined, was doubly tragic.

His Commanding Officer wrote:

"The fact that Wayne was one of the comparatively few pilot trainees" \* \* \* "chosen to fly jet fighters is indicative of his high standing in his class. By his death, the Air Force lost a very capable officer and one who was destined to go far".

He was placed to rest beside his mother in the old cemetery at West Point. Six cadets from his old company, E-2, were honorary pallbearers and several classmates were in attendance. One of them wrote:

"Even in the austerity of the simple funeral rite there was present an inspirational



force to spur us on to greater service. He always gave his best—always looked for the best in everyone—and usually found it".

And so Wayne in the prime of young manhood has completed the full cycle of life and rests in peace "at home" at West Point, having given his all to her and his Country and his God, while his memory, shining bright and clean, lives on wherever he has passed.

—W. B. T., Jr., E. W. W., W. S. M.

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**Harry Winfree Ware, Jr.**

NO. 17265 CLASS OF 1949

DIED OF WOUNDS, NOVEMBER 5, 1950, IN KOREA, AGED 25 YEARS.

HARRY WINFREE WARE, JR., was born April 17, 1925 in Los Angeles, California. However, he spent part of his youth in Kentucky and visited his grandparents every summer. He was the son of Mrs. Marie J. Ware and the late Capt. Harry W. Ware, in whose honor the American Legion "Harry Ware Post" in Hopkinsville, Kentucky, is named.

His parents, grandparents and great grandparents stemmed from the South, and Harry

was very proud to be a member of "The Children of the Confederacy", an auxiliary of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. He loved the South and would sit by the hour listening to stories of the Civil War as told by his great great grandmother. There he enjoyed being outdoors swimming, and hunting with his gun and bird dogs.

While an infant he was nicknamed "Happy" because of his smiling, happy nature, and the name of "Happy" stuck with him through life, as his radiant smile and gracious manner became his trademark.

He set his goal early in life—that of becoming a soldier. During childhood when he was not drawing, he centered his interest on planning and executing battle campaigns with his armies of toy soldiers covering the living room floor, and with dreams of some day becoming a West Pointer. He was an eager member of the Boy Scouts in Los Angeles.

Upon entering University High School in Westwood, Los Angeles, he immediately joined the R.O.T.C., and, while Captain of Company A, he achieved the highest honor ever awarded to a University Cadet when he was chosen Cadet Colonel and Regimental Commander of the eleven R.O.T.C. high school units in the Los Angeles metropolitan area. Other R.O.T.C. honors awarded him were medals for "Best Soldier", "Best Corporal", and "Outstanding Non-Commissioned Officer". He was a member of the Fancy Drill Team and belonged to the Sabre and Chevron Club. During his senior year he was an instructor in Military Science. His honor clubs in high school included Ephebian, Knights, Squires and Meladonian.

After graduation he enlisted in the Regular Army on September 3, 1943, and attended U.S.M.A. prep school at Lafayette College; and was later attached to the 103rd Infantry Division at Camp Howze, Texas. Hap earned the Expert Infantry Badge at Camp Howze and it was there he developed his love for this branch of the Service. "He was and would always be a devoted 'Dogface'."

His appointment to the Academy reached him as he was preparing to board ship in 1945 with his outfit, heading for Europe during World War II.

Plebe year at West Point found Hap with the usual troubles of a first year man. Nevertheless, it was evident to all that he was an exceptional combination of ability and personality. His ability did not include, however, an insight into the realms of Calculus and Electricity. In the midst of many an hour of coaching he would almost certainly turn up with a "Dogface" cartoon, when the result should have been a curve expressing the relationship between x and y or the output of a triode tube. His vivid tales of the day's exploits in the Electricity Laboratory kept everyone laughing. At regular intervals his cartoons appeared in *The Pointer*—usually portraying a cold, wet Infantryman.

During yearling year he met Janet Vroom, and the result was a wedding after graduation. They were frequently together during weekends at the Academy or in Ossining, at the Vrooms'. On Sunday night Hap would eagerly attack a tasty snack prepared by Jan, and share it with those of us less fortunate.

During First Class summer Hap was assigned to Fort Jackson as an instructor and did a superior job in the work he always wanted. He had an unusual ability in understanding people, and it served him well, as he inspired others by his thought, word and deed. His foremost goal in life was to be a good Infantry officer, and his enthusiastic support for the "Queen of Battles" never ceased.

The day after graduation Hap married Janet in the Catholic Chapel at West Point. They went to Ft. Riley after summer leave and became members of the underground apartment dwellers. Upon completion of the Officers' Basic Course at the Ground General School, Hap was ordered to Ft. Benning, Georgia. The Wares settled in the new Camellia Apartments just outside the Benning gates, where they were surrounded by many "forty-niner" couples. A daughter, Lynn Arlette, was born on March 26, 1950, and the six months at Benning were almost perfect for them.

The Far East Command was Hap's next assignment. There awaited the job he had wanted for so long. He was pleased and proud of this opportunity to serve his country. In July 1950 Hap kissed his little family goodbye, flew to California to say hello and goodbye to his mother and his many friends there; then reported to the Seventh Division in Japan in August 1950, where he began intensive battle training in preparation for the invasion of Korea at Inchon. When he left he smiled and said "Don't worry about me, I'm just going to work". A short while after the landing Hap earned the coveted Combat Infantryman's Badge.



At the end of October, the 17th went ashore again on the East coast at Iwon north of the 38th parallel and fought its way up to the Manchurian border. Hap was wounded near Pungsan, as he went forward with his men to secure a hill. He was evacuated by air and died November 5, 1950, aboard a hospital ship at Wonsan, Korea.

Letters received from Korea describe Hap as an excellent officer, well-liked and respected by officers and enlisted men alike. They describe a memorial service held in his honor by his Company. The Chaplain who conducted this memorial service for Happy wrote to Janet, "The officers and men solemnly pledged themselves to be better Christians and soldiers as a memorial to your husband". One fellow officer wrote his personal feelings, "I don't know how a man as brave as he was could die—with his spirit".

Happy was a member of St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Hollywood, California, and his pastor wrote of him that he always admired him for his spiritual and physical beauty. He had spiritual tendencies seldom found in one so young; and his military posture, poise and carriage made him outstanding.

He was a man of highest qualities, tolerant of faults of his fellowmen, and always made it a point never to criticize another person. He had a keen sense of humor and a cheerful spirit, and his unselfishness

and friendly manner endeared him to all who knew him.

Happy is survived by his wife Janet Marcelle, his baby daughter Lynn Arlette, and his mother Mrs. Marie J. Ware of Los Angeles. If he had to die, he went the way he wanted to go—to join the heroes who have gone before. Harry Winfree Ware, Jr. was buried with full military honors in a military cemetery at Pukchong, Korea.

We can all profit by Happy's philosophy of life, as written by him in his autobiography when he was only sixteen years old:

"I have found, even in my few years of life, that a person must have ambition to accomplish his desires and purposes. His desires and purposes must be worthy. Ambition alone will not bring success; it must be backed by confidence and faith. As Ralph Waldo Emerson once said, 'Have a purpose in life and, having it, throw into your work such strength of mind and muscle as God has given you'"

—"Mom".

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### William Hale Wilbur, Jr.

NO. 17220 CLASS OF 1949

KILLED IN ACTION, SEPTEMBER 6, 1950, IN KOREA, AGED 24 YEARS.

LIEUTENANT WILLIAM H. WILBUR, JR., was born in Boston, Massachusetts, on July 25, 1926, the son of Brigadier General William Hale Wilbur, (Class of 1912, USMA) and Laura Schieffelin Wilbur. He was mortally wounded in action near Tabudong, Korea, on September 6, 1950.

Bill lived a short life, a life with a tragic ending, but one with more meaning and purpose than many of us will lead though we live many years. Military ancestry was in his blood. To know him was to be aware of that fact, because it was obvious to all who knew him that Bill was a gallant soldier—obvious to us long before any of us had heard of a battlefield called Korea. It is one thing to be a gallant soldier when there is no war going on. It is something else again to be a gallant officer during combat with the enemy. Bill was both of these—so much so that although his military career was extremely short, it could not have been more useful or more distinguished. During his brief life he strove to get the utmost out of living. He devoted his life to making himself the best soldier possible. His goal was nothing short of perfection. With all this seriousness of purpose, he made you know that he got a tremendous kick out of being alive. Yet he met death the only way he would have wanted to meet it—on the field of battle, as a result of an act of extraordinary heroism. Such was the pattern of his life.

Coming from an Army family, Bill was destined to grow up in many different localities. During his early years he lived in Boston, Fort Benning, Fort Leavenworth, Washington, and Hawaii. In 1938 the Wilburs made their home in Highland Park, Illinois and have lived there ever since. Bill attended school there, where one of his proudest accomplishments was becoming an Eagle Scout.

With his Service background, it was natural that one of Bill's earliest goals in life was to enter West Point. He never seriously considered anything but a military career which would commence at the Military Academy. After attending Phillips Academy at Andover, Massachusetts for three years, Bill entered Millard's West Point Preparatory School. Subsequently he enlisted in the Army as a private at Camp Roberts, California on April 23, 1945, and

received his honorable discharge to enter USMA in July 1945.

To paraphrase the biographical sketch which was written about him in the *Howitzer*, Bill brought with him to the Academy an exuberant spirit and a sense of humor, neither of which was ever dampened. During his cadet days in Company C-1, he was outstanding in intramural athletics, as well as active in many other diversified fields of interest. Bill's keen, sharp-witted mind gave him the upperhand in many a friendly argument. The high military standards he set for himself while a cadet were indicative of his purpose in life. When his cadet days were ended, Bill graduated into his chosen branch, the Infantry, as his father had done before him, the possessor of warm friendships and the respect of all who knew him.

During the courses we took together at The Ground General School, Fort Riley, and at The Infantry School, Fort Benning, Bill became one of the most capable officers we have known. His high ideals, his ingenuity, his constant desire for self-improvement and his superb physical condition made him an outstanding leader. In a very short time



he was to put all of these admirable traits together in combat in such a way as to establish himself indelibly in the memories of all who served with him.

At the completion of his parachutist training at Fort Benning, Bill hopped on his motorcycle and headed for home in Highland Park. On the way he had an accident, and sustained a painful injury. By this time, however, the war in Korea was raging. Bill had orders to report to the Far East Command, and he knew he was headed for combat. Disregarding the advice of his doctors, Bill left home on August 9, 1950 with a draining leg wound, destination Korea. He arrived in Korea about the 25th of August and was assigned to Company I, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division.

It was during the next few days that Bill distinguished himself so heroically. Immediately he volunteered for several extremely dangerous assignments. He accomplished these missions so successfully, and with such aggressive and fearless leadership that at once he gained a superior reputation with enlisted men and officers alike. Perhaps the best way to describe these actions is to quote from his citation for the posthumous award of The Distinguished Service Cross which he received.

"From the 25th of August 1950, when he joined the 8th Cavalry Regiment, Lieutenant Wilbur continually volunteered for extra hazardous duties, leading several combat

and reconnaissance patrols deep into enemy territory and securing important information as to enemy gun emplacements and troop dispositions. On the morning of September 3, 1950 Company I was given the mission of halting the enemy's advance by cutting the road north of Tabudong, even though the village and terrain to their rear was held by the enemy. Realizing the necessity of clearing the enemy from the village, Lieutenant Wilbur volunteered to lead a thirty man patrol into it. Although continually harrassed by enemy small arms fire he succeeded in clearing a sector. Then, despite the heavy enemy small arms and machine gun fire, he aggressively led his patrol to the far side of the town, where they successfully recovered and evacuated a seriously wounded man. While clearing out the remainder of the village, Lieutenant Wilbur skillfully directed his patrol in repelling an enemy attack, killing six. When the enemy, approximately seventy-five in number, launched a second attack and nearly overwhelmed his troops, Lieutenant Wilbur called for artillery fire upon his own position and broke up the hostile force, allowing his patrol to withdraw to his Company's position. His courage, initiative and superior leadership were largely responsible for Company I successfully withstanding successive attacks of an enemy in vastly numerical strength over a period of three days. With total disregard for his own safety, he constantly exposed himself to intense enemy fire and on September 6, 1950 was mortally wounded. The extraordinary heroism displayed by Lieutenant Wilbur reflected great credit on himself and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service."

One of the most fitting tributes a soldier could ever hope to receive was paid to Bill by his Battalion Commander, Lt. Col. Harold K. Johnson, in a letter to General Wilbur.

"Your son was utterly fearless, in fact he seemed to have a total contempt for danger in any form. He eagerly sought the hottest spots in combat. He wouldn't have anything to do with a weapons platoon. His first love was a rifle platoon—that he wanted to command, and command he did for all too short a time.

"There is little that I can say in your hour of grief. Your son maintained the highest traditions of the professional soldier and of West Point. He was supreme in combat, confident of his own ability. He faced grave danger without fear and suffered his mortal wounds without comment."

These words come close to doing Bill justice in the attempt to describe his worth in inadequate words. The fact that many of the enlisted men who fought with Bill in Co. "I" told a surviving officer of the company that Lt. Wilbur was the finest and best officer they'd ever encountered is proof that Col. Johnson was expressing the opinion of the entire outfit when he wrote to General Wilbur.

General and Mrs. Wilbur may take some small comfort in knowing that we shall miss Bill. We all knew that he had more than most of us to live up to. We join in the pride he had in his father's Congressional Medal of Honor. We know that he lived up completely to his father's tradition, and we join Bill's parents in being sadly proud of his own Distinguished Service Cross. Our deepest sympathy is extended to General and Mrs. Wilbur, and to Bill's sister Mary. The Wilburs have suffered the irreplaceable loss of a devoted son and brother, one who afforded them unbounded happiness. We have lost a warm friend, and one of our most gallant officers.

The work which lies ahead of those of us who were fortunate enough to survive the war in Korea would have been more easily and thoroughly accomplished if Bill were here to help us. The example which he has set will serve as an inspiration to

us in our attempt to fulfill tasks that he, and others like him, would have completed.

—T. W. S., Jr.

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## Aubrey Lee Benson

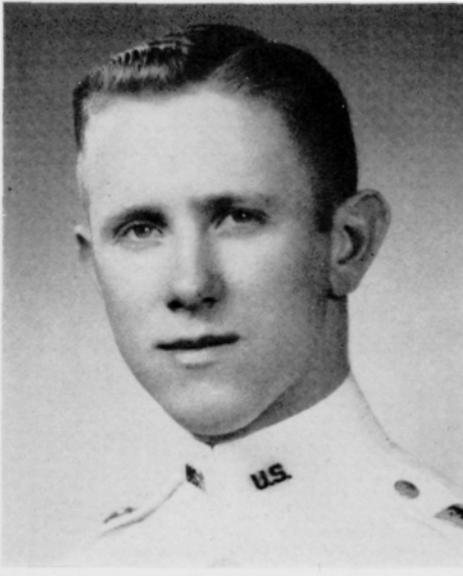
NO. 17971 CLASS OF 1950

DIED AUGUST 1, 1950, AT COLORADO CITY,  
TEXAS, AGED 22 YEARS.

AUBREY LEE BENSON was born December 13, 1927 in Colorado City, Texas. He was the elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey C. Benson.

His life followed the usual pattern of a small-town boy, except that he was unusually serious of purpose and deeply interested in learning. He was one of the honor students when graduated from grammar school, and also when graduated from the Colorado City High School in May 1945. Immediately following graduation, he enrolled in the University of Texas and remained there until June 1946.

During his school years he gave much time and attention to Scouting and earned



numerous merit badges. He was enthusiastic about all phases of school activities, and was popular with students and teachers because of his dependability, efficiency, and good fellowship. He loved athletic sports so much that he gave them the time they required; then put out of his mind all else and became as completely absorbed in his studies as he had been in football, basketball, or tennis. One of his most admirable characteristics was his ability to do whatever task was his in the best possible manner, never being satisfied with anything half done, whether it be study, a game, or wrapping a Christmas package.

Through Congressman George Mahon of the Nineteenth District, Texas, Aubrey Lee was granted the privilege of taking the entrance examinations for West Point and entered the Academy in July 1946. He received the appointment with great humility and wrote his parents saying, "The credit is yours for my having this chance to realize an earnest desire and ambition to attend West Point. I am grateful for the training I have had through the years. The thought of the responsibility that is mine almost frightens me. I shall give the best that is in me to be worthy of this honor"

Aubrey Lee was serious and conscientious, and adjusted himself to the discipline maintained at the Academy because he knew that every part of it would be helpful in the years ahead. He knew that being a good

soldier meant more than drilling and marching and fighting. It meant living in a man's world as men should live.

Upon graduation on June 6, 1950, Lee was assigned to the 11th Airborne Division at Ft. Campbell, Ky., and was to have reported August 5, 1950 to Ft. Benning, Ga., for parachute jump training, after a sixty day leave with his family in Texas.

During his vacation at home, much of Lee's time was spent with the young men who had been his friends since his first grade in school. They laughed and talked of the fun they had had through the years and speculated on the future. Often their conversation was about the world situation, Army life, and life in general.

It was July 26, 1950 when the fatal automobile accident occurred that took Aubrey Lee from us. His mother and father were with him at the time. They and Don, his brother, were constantly at his bedside in the hospital, until his death on the morning of August 1st. The very best medical and nursing care were given him. Captain Pheil, neuro-surgeon of the General Hospital at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, came by plane and operated within a few hours after the accident, but the injury was so serious that it could not be overcome.

Lee's funeral was in Colorado City, Texas, in the First Baptist Church of which he had been a member since he was fifteen. Rev. R. Y. Bradford officiated. The church was filled with flowers and with the friends he loved so much. Honorary pall-bearers were the boys from his high school graduating class. With military honors he was laid to rest in the Colorado City Cemetery. His grave is on a little knoll which overlooks the town and from which can be seen the tall poplar trees that grow near his home.

We can hardly believe that Lee is not still with us. We all feel a deep personal loss. His slow smile, his good humor, his kindness, and his seriousness of purpose endeared him to those with whom he came in contact. He was devoted to his family and their happiness was uppermost in his mind. His love for his mother was often expressed in little notes of appreciation which he would write at night after he finished studying. She would find them the next morning as she went about her work. The deep affection Lee and Don had for each other was unusual and beautiful. Lee was vitally interested in Don's every activity, and Don idolized "Buddy". The relationship between Lee and his Dad was more than that of father and son. They were comrades and friends.

Aubrey Lee's life cannot be measured by the number of years that were allotted to him but by the things which were accomplished in that brief span. As we watched him unfold the pattern of his life, we were never disappointed, because he achieved at every turn what he set out to do.

One of his close friends who is now in the Army wrote this to his mother and dad: "I think about Lee quite a lot. When the going gets rough, I try to think as he did about it. No doubt there were times when he, too, was discouraged, but I know he decided to give it his very best, as he did everything. I would like to be the kind of soldier he was. Maybe he knows how hard I'm trying. I can't hope to do as well as he did. I am probably just an average G.I. but I'm trying. . ."

Aubrey Lee as a soldier felt that he personally was a guardian of American Freedom and could have sincerely said the words of Frederick S. Wilson: "Let each and everyone of us remember that Liberty is a gift not lightly given; that we within ourselves, must preserve for generations yet unborn, a vision of brotherhood among men, until one day all the world shall be ready to share it".

N. H. White, Jr. and Lena V. White.

