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The Sesquicentennial Founders Day Ceremonies

By CAPTAIN GEORGE S. PAPPAS, '44

Assistant Sesquicentennial Director

Sunday, 16 March 1952, was the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the United States Military Academy. On that date a century and a half ago, President Thomas Jefferson signed the Act of the Seventh Congress which stated, in part, that ". . the said corps, when so organized, shall be stationed at West Point in the State of New York, and shall constitute a military academy; "

On the Sesquicentennial Founders Day, graduates and former cadets throughout the world assembled to pay tribute to their Alma Mater. Wherever they were—from Pusan to Iran, from Alaska to South America—the men of West Point paused in their work to participate in this important anniversary.

THE SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Wherever you may be on Founders Day of this Sesquicentennial year, the officers and cadets of the Military Academy join hands with you to rededicate themselves to the ideals of Duty, Honor, Country. West Point salutes its sons the world over.

F. A. IRVING
Major General, USA
Superintendent

For the first time in many years, Founders Day ceremonies were held at West Point. The Corps of Cadets, the officers of the West Point garrison, and hundreds of graduates took part in the day-long exercises. Members of the various West Point Societies, some from as far away as California, were present. Distinguished guests at West Point included: Major General Henry Clay Hodges, Jr., Class of 1881, the oldest graduate present; General J. Lawton Collins, Chief of Staff, USA; General Hoyt S. Vandenberg, Chief of Staff, USAF; Lieutenant General Willis D. Crittenberger, Commanding General, First Army; The Right Reverend Arthur B. Kinsolving, II, Bishop of Arizona and former USMA Chaplain; and the Right Reverend Monsignor George C. Murdock, former Catholic Chaplain at West Point.

Early Sunday morning, a group of graduates and cadets participated in a brief and informal ceremony at the grave of Sylvanus Thayer in the West Point cemetery. The Cadet First Captain, Gordon D. Carpenter; Colonel J. A. McComsey, Secretary of the Association of Graduates; Mr. J. L. Grant, representing the West Point Society of New York; and Mr. R. D. Reynolds, of the West Point Society of St. Louis, placed a wreath upon the grave.

In a similar ceremony at Mt. Vernon, Virginia, a group of cadets escorted by Major R. B. Shea visited the tomb of General George Washington, one of the founders of the Military Academy. Cadet H. L. Van Trees placed the wreath upon Washington's tomb with this statement: "On this Sesquicentennial anniversary of the founding of the United States Military Academy, the Corps of Cadets and the graduates of West Point honor General George Washington as one of our founding fathers. Ever mindful of our obligations to the Nation, we pledge ourselves anew to the ideals of our Alma Mater; to Duty, Honor, and Country."

Formal activities of the day began at Cullum Hall. Here, guests registered and were briefed on the schedule of events. Coffee was served in the lounge.

Special services were held at both the Cadet Chapel and the Catholic Chapel. The Right Reverend Monsignor George C. Murdock was the celebrant at the Solemn High Mass in the Catholic Chapel. Monsignor Murdock also preached the Founders Day sermon. At the Cadet Chapel, the Right Reverend Arthur B. Kinsolving, Bishop of Arizona, was the guest preacher. The topic of Bishop Kinsolving's sermon was "The Part of Religion in the History of West Point"

Following Chapel Services, the Corps was marched to Washington Hall where guests and graduates had already assembled. Graduates and former cadets were seated at class tables which surrounded the speakers' dais located directly in front of the center door. The Cadet First Captain called the cadets and guests to attention as the Superintendent's party entered the mess hall. Seated at the speakers' table were the Superintendent; General Collins; General Vandenberg; General Crittenberger; General Hodges; Brigadier General Chauncey L. Fenton, President of the Association of Graduates and Chairman of the Sesquicentennial Steering Group; Brigadier General Harris Jones, Dean of the Academic Board; and Colonel John K. Waters, Commandant of Cadets.

At one o'clock, the Cadet First Captain called the guests to attention and the ceremony began. Monsignor Murdock gave the Invocation. Following the singing of "The Corps" by the Cadet Glee Club, General Irving welcomed the alumni who had returned to West Point for the day. The Superintendent then introduced General Crittenberger, the master of ceremonies. In this capacity, General Crittenberger introduced the Chief of Staff of the Air Force, General Vandenberg.

THE MESSAGE FROM THE CORPS OF CADETS

We men of the Corps of Cadets salute the men of the Corps of the past on Founders Day of the Sesquicentennial year. We treasure the heritage you have given us; and we pledge ourselves to uphold the traditions and high standards of the Corps in fulfillment of the trust you place in us. We join hands with you today to dedicate ourselves to the ideals of West Point; to Duty, Honor, and Country.

GORDON D. CARPENTER
Cadet Captain, USCC
Brigade Commander

General Vandenberg presented a plaque to the Military Academy on behalf of the Air Force. In his presentation remarks, General Vandenberg related some of the early contributions made by Military Academy graduates to the development of the United States Air Force. General Vandenberg concluded his address by saying "We of the Air Force feel that the United States Military Academy can count its contribution to the building of the Air Force as one of the proudest achievements of its first one hundred and fifty years of service to the Nation." (The complete texts of all speeches are given at the end of this article.) The Cadet First Captain received the plaque on behalf of the cadets and graduates and

thanked General Vandenberg for the honor bestowed by the Air Force.

Recorded messages from General Ridgway, Generals of the Army Bradley and Eisenhower, the Secretary of the Army, and the Chief of Naval Operations were then introduced by General Crittenberger. General Ridgway expressed the hope that West Pointers would continue to place service before self, to "accept more of sacrifice than emolument," and to regard integrity in public affairs as an indispensable foundation of the nation. General Bradley reminded the Corps that today the country's professional soldiers and airmen were "first devoted to the preservation of peace." General Eisenhower stated that West Point's record of service in its first one hundred and fifty years was "written in the annals of a thousand of our nation's battlefields and in the accomplishments of her sons. But to her own," he added, "the true meaning of West Point is a deeper and more personal thing. It is of the heart and of the spirit. From cadets, she has made soldiers—good soldiers; but more than this she has made better men of all of us." Mr. Pace said that the Military has "adjusted and must continue to adjust itself to the requirements of its graduates in a changing world. It is clear," he continued, "that the caliber of its graduates provides the ultimate test of an educational institution. That is why on Founders Day, I pay tribute to West Point—molder of men." Admiral Fechteler said that he was honored to extend the Navy's congratulations to the Military Academy on its Sesquicentennial anniversary. The Chief of Naval Operations concluded by stating that "Whatever the demands of the future may be, the accomplishments of the past are evidence enough that your United States Military Academy stands ready to perpetuate its enviable record of leadership and service to the United States and to the free world."

The Cadet Glee Club then sang "Army Blue," and General Crittenberger introduced the Chief of Staff of the Army, General J. Lawton Collins, who delivered the principal address.

After briefly reviewing the contributions of West Pointers to the development of the Nation, not only in terms of military accomplishments, but in other fields as well, General Collins spoke at length upon the mission of the young graduate of today. He emphasized that the graduate entering the service today needs an even broader training than his predecessors in order to understand the complex factors that make up national security. The Chief of Staff explained that modern warfare requires technical knowledge and an understanding of economics and diplomacy. He illustrated these requirements by using recent international incidents as examples. In his conclusion, the Chief of Staff said, "But, above all else, you must bring to the solution of these problems, the highest standards of character and integrity. It is in this field that West Point must continue to make its greatest contribution to the Army and to the Nation."

Following the address by General Collins, the Cadet Glee Club sang the "Alma Mater." Bishop Kinsolving then gave the Benediction.

The cadets and guests left Washington Hall and assembled at Thayer Monument where memorial exercises honoring Colonel Thayer took place. Brigadier General Harris Jones, Dean of the Academic Board, made the memorial address and dedicated a bronze wreath on behalf of the Association of Graduates. This wreath will be permanently affixed to the base of the monument. The memorial ceremony concluded the day's activities at West Point.

West Point was honored by many states and cities on this historic occasion. Governor Thomas E. Dewey of New York proclaimed the week of 15-22 March as "West Point Week" in the state. Governors Douglas McKay of Oregon, Sidney McMath of Arkansas, and Frank J. Lausche of Ohio proclaimed 16 March as "West Point Day" in their various states. Resolutions were also passed by the House of Representatives of Massachusetts and the State Legislature of California extending the congratulations and felicitations of the peoples of the two states. The City of Philadelphia, by a proclamation from Mayor Joseph S. Clark, Jr., also observed 16 March as "West Point Day."

Messages came to West Point from every part of the United States and from many foreign countries, extending best wishes from graduates and non-graduates. A group of alumni in Iran sent their greetings as did another assemblage in Thailand. Greetings came from West Pointers in Korea, Alaska, Japan, the Philippines, Okinawa, Hawaii, Mexico, France, Germany, Trieste, and the Canal Zone. A message was also received from the British Army Staff of the British Joint Services Mission to the United States. Included among these many greetings was a birthday card from two children which read "We had no money for a wire, neither could we find an appropriate card. However, we wanted to thank you for all you've done for our country. To another 150 years. . ."

On this Sesquicentennial Founders Day, graduates and former cadets in every part of the world gathered to commemorate the event. In Los Angeles, California, over 500 Military Academy and Naval Academy alumni gathered to listen to Captain H. R. Adams, Class of 1887, and Mayor Fletcher Bowron. Mayor Bowron said, "To this school come boys representative of every condition and locality and here they are leveled to the norm of the plebe. This is a real school of democracy."

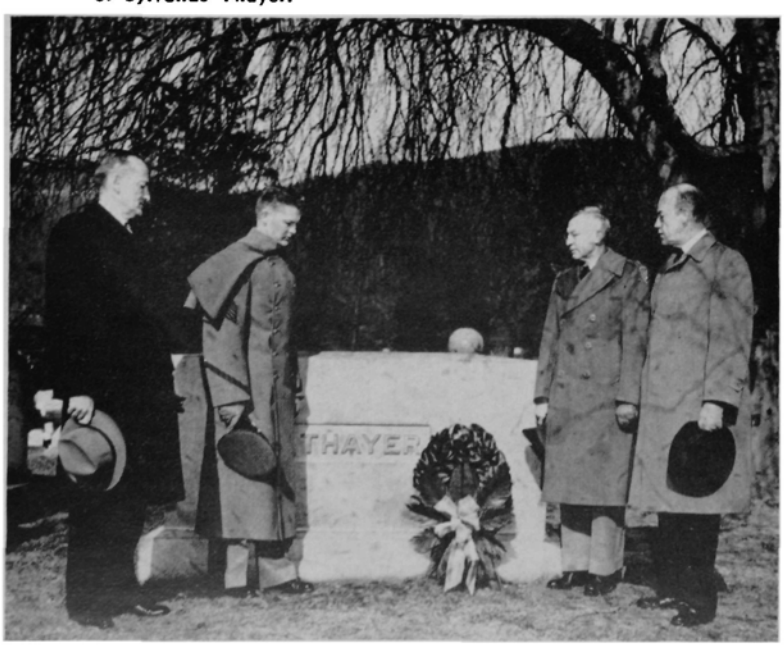
Thousands of miles away, at Fort Brooke, Puerto Rico, fifty graduates met. At the same time, their wives were entertained by Mrs. Robert M. Bathurst, wife of the Commanding General of the Army Forces in Puerto Rico. Members of the Caribbean Command observed Founders Day at Fort Kobbe, Canal Zone. Twenty-two graduates of West Point and Annapolis sent as greetings from Mexico City, the following statement, "From the Halls of Montezuma, we send a hearty 'Viva West Point.'"

The West Point Society of Boston sponsored a dinner at the Watertown Arsenal Officers' Club on 15 March. Major General Charles G. Helmick, Commanding General of the New England Subarea was guest of honor. Highlighting this meeting of seventy-five graduates was the speech by Colonel James W. Green, Jr., Professor of Electricity, USMA.

Many dinners were held in the European theater. One hundred members of the Long Gray Line assembled in Nurnberg. Over 250 graduates from Wiesbaden, Rhine Military Post, Frankfurt, and Heidelberg gathered in Frankfurt. Other groups met in Austria, Trieste and Stuttgart. Thirty-five alumni in the Berlin area received a beer stein engraved with some excerpts from "Benny Havens" as a souvenir. The group in Trieste wore "B-Plates" engraved with their names as identification badges.

The West Point Society of Philadelphia entertained over 160 guests. Lieutenant General Maxwell Taylor delivered the principal address. Other speakers included Dr. Robert L. Johnson, President of Temple University, who presented greetings from the community of Philadelphia; the Honorable

Mr. J. L. Grant, Cadet First Captain G. D. Carpenter, Colonel J. A. McComsey, and Mr. R. D. Reynolds place the wreath on the grave of Sylvanus Thayer.



Washington Hall on Founders Day. The Master of Ceremonies, General Crittenberger, is at the rostrum.

Richardson Dilworth, District Attorney of Philadelphia, who extended greetings from the City of Philadelphia; and Cadet Captain H. H. Danford, who saluted the group on behalf of the Corps of Cadets. The Society also placed a wreath upon the grave of Jonathan Williams, first Superintendent of the Military Academy. Cadet Danford brought the wreath, which was made of native West Point greenery, to Philadelphia for the occasion.

Another group met at Ladd Air Force Base in Alaska while others assembled in Anchorage. Eighty graduates sent their "Aloha" from Hawaii and forty-four sent greetings from Okinawa.

Former cadets and graduates at many service schools gathered to commemorate the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary. At Fort Leavenworth, assembled graduates heard the oldest graduate present, Colonel J. G. Pillow, Class of 1901, and the keynote speaker, Colonel A. M. Neilson, Class of June, 1918. One hundred and twenty-five Pointers at the Army War College and from the Central Pennsylvania area sent their best wishes from Carlisle Barracks. One hundred and fifty engineers at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, and another one hundred and fifty graduates at the Armored Center at Fort Knox, Kentucky, also observed Founders Day in an appropriate manner. Two hundred and fifty artillerymen at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and over two hundred and fifty more at Fort Bliss, Texas, joined hands in spirit with the three hundred infantrymen who assembled at Fort Benning, Georgia. Fifty men at the Army General School at Fort Riley, Kansas, sent greetings, as did the graduates in the Fort Meade, Maryland, area. Alumni and former cadets of the Fourth Army area met in San Antonio, Texas. Members of the Long Gray Line from Headquarters, Army Field Forces; Fort Monroe, Virginia; Fort Eustis, Virginia; the Armed Forces Staff College; and Langley Field, Virginia, assembled at Fort Monroe.

In Tokyo, Japan, over two hundred men gathered in the Union Club where Major General Clovis Byers made the Founders Day address. Another group assembled at Sendai, Japan. From Korea, graduates in Pusan; with Headquarters, Eighth Army; with IX Corps; and the 7th Infantry Division sent their greetings to West Point and to graduates throughout the world. Another group met at Clark Field, Luzon, P. I.

The following report is quoted verbatim as a matter of general interest to all:

"WITH EIGHTH U.S. ARMY IN KOREA —It was another busy—and, for many men, dangerous—day in Korea. But March 16 also was the 150th anniversary of the establishment of the United States Military Academy. Eighth Army did not forget it.

"In the 40th Infantry Division, former National Guard outfit, officers marked the occasion with an elaborate ribbing of the Regulars. In other units, notably the 2nd Infantry Division, Pointers gathered for toasts and brief speeches.

"Capt. George Benson of San Francisco, an Academy man whose 230 pounds and six-foot-four-inch frame made a hard-to-miss target, was singled out for the 40th's raillery. Maj. Gen. Daniel H. Hudelson, division commander, hung an outsize 'Combat Infantryman's Badge' around Benson's neck, and the San Franciscan was given a sandbag for use in his job as a regimental S-3.

"After a serenade by the division band, Benson made a "triumphal exit" from the scene in a jeep that sported a standard in the form of an Academy class ring, and a sign identifying the vehicle as assigned to 'Benjo-san'—the Captain's nickname.

"Some 60 officers celebrated the anniversary at headquarters of the 2nd Division's Infantry Regiment. They represented not only West Point, but also the national military academies of The Netherlands, Thailand and France.

"Speakers included Maj. Gen. Robert W. Young, division commander, and the oldest and youngest USMA graduates present. These were Col. George Mergens, San Francisco, commander of the 23rd, class of 1923, and 2nd Lt. Charles Ewing, Jr., class of 1951. Colonel Mérgens shared "oldest graduate" honors with Brig. Gen. Harry M. Roper, 1923, division artillery commander."

The West Point Society of Chicago held its Sesquicentennial Founders Day dinner in the University Club. Colonel George Langhorne, Class of 1889, was the oldest graduate present. Colonel Charles J. Barrett, Professor of Foreign Languages, USMA, gave a resume of the plans for the Sesquicentennial year at West Point. One hundred and twenty-five graduates and former cadets were present.

Alumni at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland, and the Army Chemical Center this year met at the Proving Ground Officers' Club. Major General Charles T. Harris, USA, Ret., made the principal address. Another group of twenty-four met at Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky, as still another dinner took place at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, with over 100 men present.

The men in Air Force blue gathered throughout the country also. Seventy flyers at Mitchel Air Force Base, New York, had the oldest graduate present, Colonel Chauncey Humphrey, Class of 1898, as principal speaker. Two hundred air officers met at Maxwell AFB, Alabama, the Air University. Another one hundred assembled at Carswell AFB, Texas while still another group met at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.

Over fifty graduates stationed at Fort Jackson or Shaw AFB, South Carolina and retired officers living in the area met in Columbia. Brigadier General Robert S. Abernethy, Class of 1897, was the oldest graduate present. Rear Admiral Norman M. Smith, president of the University of South Carolina; Captain Robert W. McNeely, USN, Ret., USNA Class of 1894; and Major General W. P. Shepard, Post Commander at Fort Jackson and Commanding General of the 8th Infantry Division, were guests of honor.

Forty-five graduates and former cadets from the Fort Meade, Maryland, area met at the Golf Club at Fort Meade. General J. L. Devers was the keynote speaker and Major General D. H. Connolly, Class of 1910, spoke for the older grads. At Lafayette, Indiana, West Pointers from the immediate area gathered to listen to Professor S. D. Chambers, Professor Emeritus of Purdue University; Professor C. R. Nichols, and Colonel F. B. Porter, Class of 1919. Another speaker was Captain John C. Woelfel, USN, USNA '27, who emphasized the importance of cooperation between the services as exemplified by the close relationships of graduates of both the service academies.

The West Point Society of the Monterey Peninsula and graduates in the Fort Ord area met at the Ford Ord Officers' Club. Fifty-seven men heard the oldest graduate present, Colonel A. B. Dockery, Class of 1902, speak of his fifty years with the Long Gray Line.

At other dinners, graduates gathered in Portland, Oregon; Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Columbus, Ohio; the Presidio of San Francisco, California; Minneapolis, Minnesota; Fort Hood, Texas; and Jacksonville, Florida. In addition, greetings came from the West Point Societies of the San Francisco Bay Area, the Monterey Peninsula, Central California, Michigan, Alabama, and Miami. Other messages were received from the graduates of the EUCOM Communications Zone; from the Washington contingent of the Class of 1923; and from "Three Ex-Comms" —Honnen, Higgins, and Harkins.

Thus Founders Day of the Sesquicentennial year passed into history. As General Irving stated in his message to the graduates and former cadets, wherever they were on that day, the members of the Long Gray Line joined hands to rededicate themselves to the ideals of West Point; to Duty, Honor, and Country.

THE FOUNDERS DAY CEREMONIES AT WEST POINT, NEW YORK

16 March 1952

The Cadet First Captain, Gordon D. Carpenter, called the Corps of Cadets and the Assembled Guests to attention.

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The Right Reverend Monsignor George C. Murdock then gave the Invocation:

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'In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

"O God of infinite wisdom and love, look down with favor upon these chosen military leaders of the people of the United States. Guide them in all their ways and teach them to begin and end all things in Thee. Protect them against the false and pagan philosophy so rampant in the world today. Safeguard their minds from the idea that armed force alone can conquer and control Thy world for Thou art the Prince of Peace; that their sense of duty be inspired by their love and service of Thee. May their honor be ever rooted in divine truth and may they ever serve their country as God's country. Great God, our King. These blessings be praised by Jesus Christ, our Lord. In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen."

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Following the Invocation, the Cadet Glee Club sang "The Corps."

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The Superintendent then made the following Address of Welcome:

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"We are gathered here today to observe the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the United States Military Academy.

"I should like to welcome all of you who are here to help us observe this occasion, especially the alumni from other posts and communities. One old grad suggested that perhaps we should have spread these visitors throughout the Corps. Perhaps this would have been a good idea because we are very proud of our present-day product, and we like to show them off on every occasion. However, on second thought, it is just as well that we did not because I clearly remember the proclivity of old grads upon occasions like this to regale cadets with the measures they found effective during their own cadet days to outwit the Tactical Department. I am sure that the Commandant of Cadets feels that the present-day generation needs no coaching in this respect.

"For such an important occasion as this, we were very anxious to obtain the best possible master of ceremonies and we were very fortunate to be able to do just that. I am sure that the old grads who were present at the dinner in New York last year will know what I mean when I present as the Master of Ceremonies, Lieutenant General Willis D. Crittenberger, Commanding General of the First Army. In addition to those many qualities with which I am sure that most of you are familiar, he possesses one distinction that may not be known to all of you and that is that he is the graduate

with the most years of service now on active duty with the line.

"This experience, along with his other fine qualities, makes him eminently qualified to take over the position of pseudo-first captain today. I am sure that he will manage to maintain order in the mess hall.

"It is therefore with great confidence that I turn this meeting over to our Master of Ceremonies, General Crittenberger."

General Crittenberger mounted the rostrum and said:

"General Irving, fellow West Pointers, thank you very much.

"You know, there is something about the environment of West Point that is conducive to memories. Today, for example, I hope that I will be pardoned for recalling another outstanding event of my life when I was privileged, at another time, to participate in greeting a distinguished Chief of Staff of the Army upon his arrival at West Point.

"The circumstances then were somewhat different from today, however. As the captain in the Tactical Department detailed as aide to the Chief of Staff for his overnight visit to West Point where he was to deliver the graduation address, I accompanied the Superintendent to the West Shore Railroad station to meet him. My chief concern, I had been told, was to rustle his baggage from the train to the Superintendent's house with the help of two soldiers and a truck.

"When I reported snappily as his aide and asked for his baggage checks, he smiled and said, "Oh, baggage? All I brought with me today was my tooth brush." Handing me his tooth brush from his coat pocket, he continued, "But you can take that up to the Superintendent's house if you want to." That was when I learned that Chiefs of Staff travel light. They have to in order to keep up the pace they set, not only in the United States, but all over the world.

"Although the observance of the Sesquicentennial has already contributed many events of interest in the year 1952, the next part of today's program is of outstanding significance in that it brings to our midst the great captain of our invincible Air Force.

"While it might be appropriate to reflect that the traditional mission of the Military Academy is to develop potential lieutenants, it seems to me that the history of West Point justifies the hope and the expectation that our Alma Mater also has acquired, over the years, the solemn obligation to produce, not only lieutenants for the battlefields, but also the great military captains of our time, thus to insure that, whatever or whenever the emergency, there will always be available the man of the hour, a leader equal to his country's needs.

"Since he stepped out of the Long Gray Line in 1923, the next speaker has served his country conspicuously, now conferring great distinction on the high post he occupies as Chief of Staff of our Air Force. His name is known throughout the world by friend and foe alike, representing, as he does, the mighty air power of the United States. I introduce at this time General Hoyt S. Vandenberg, Chief of Staff of the Air Force of the United States. General Vandenberg."

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General Vandenberg then made the following address:

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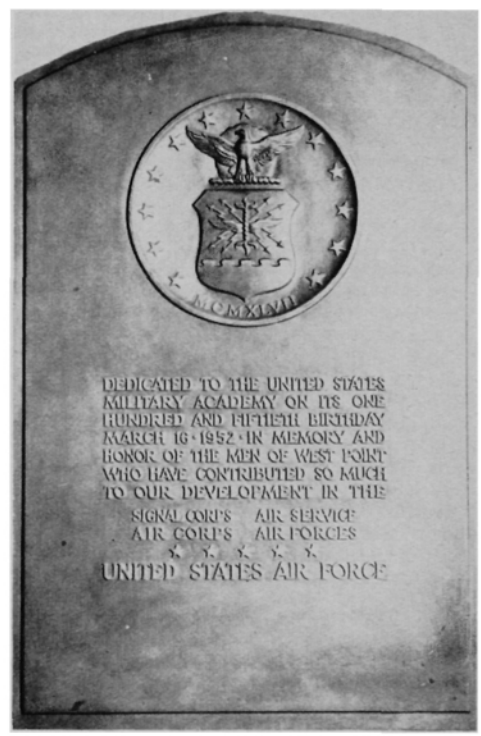
"Distinguished guests, gentlemen:

"The Air Force acknowledges its immeasurable debt to the Military Academy and in this memorial recognizes the continuous contribution of West Point men to the United States Air Force since its very beginning.

"Forty years ago those founding fathers of American military aviation, Lieutenant Hap Arnold, Lieutenant Thomas Milling, and Lieutenant Frank Lahm, were taught by the men who invented the airplane, the Wright brothers. The first man to lose his life in an airplane was Lieutenant Selfridge of the Class of 1903, while flying with Orville Wright in the first plane to be demonstrated to the United States Army. What is now known as the United States Air Force began with a handful of men such as these.

"Military flying was not even considered a career in those days but only as a special assignment. Moreover, the physical risks were extremely great. But an unbroken succession of men from the Point were willing to accept not only the physical risk that went with the conquest of the air, but also the professional uncertainties that went with the new service. The development of American leadership in the air cost heavily, not only in the unremitting work and struggle,



The Plaque presented to the United States Military Academy by the United States Air Force.

but also in the lives of the many high-spirited pioneers of the early days of aviation.

"At the present time, the rising cost of air power, and indeed of all armament, gives serious concern to the American people. But on this occasion, we might dwell for a moment upon another aspect of the cost: the sacrifice of the pioneers in both peace and war, many of whose names are inscribed on the Roll of Honor in Cullum Hall. We of the Air Force feel that the United States Military Academy can count its contribution to the building of the Air Force as one of the proudest achievements of its first one hundred and fifty years of service to the Nation.

"It is therefore a privilege to present to the United States Military Academy this modest but significant memorial to the sons of West Point who chose the Air."

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As the audience applauded, the Cadet First Captain approached the rostrum to accept the Air Force Plaque on behalf of the Cadets and Graduates of The Military Academy. Cadet Carpenter said:

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"General Vandenberg, it is a great honor for me to accept this plaque from the Air Force on behalf of the cadets and graduates of the Military Academy. All of us—the cadets of today and the cadets of the past—truly appreciate the generous gift you have given us today. Thank you."

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General Crittenberger then announced that many messages had been received.

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"Messages have come to West Point from graduates and non-graduates throughout the world. I regret that time will not permit the reading of all of these greetings. However, we do have recorded messages from several individuals. The first is from General Matthew Ridgway, Class of April 1917, now in Tokyo. General Ridgway:"

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'I contemplate with profound respect the one hundred and fifty years of service to our Country marked by this anniversary of the United States Military Academy. Through this century and a half, the concepts of 'Duty, Honor, Country' so jealously guarded by the Corps of Cadets have shown vitally on every one of the Nation's battlefields, have had effect in the Nation's highest councils, and have guided the conduct of lives wholly dedicated to our Republic. Hallowed names of the Academy's sons owe their greatness and enduring fame to the ideals and traditions nourished by the Corps. The living and dead of our own generation have nobly made their contribution to the honorable part our Nation has taken in assuming its world-wide responsibilities. Nothing seems to me more certain than that young gentlemen now members of the Corps will in years to come write proud new achievements into this unfolding record. With reliance upon God and with full faith in the righteousness of principles as expressed in our motto, the sons of West Point will continue to place service before self, to accept more of sacrifice than of emolument, hardship than of ease, and to regard integrity in public affairs as the one indispensable foundation upon which the Nation's future can rest securely. On this foundation and with these principles our fellow citizens yet unborn will continue to have the assurance that the United States Military Academy will remain a faithful and loyal instrument of the American people and a strong bulwark of their government and freedom.'

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General Crittenberger then introduced General Bradley's message:

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"We will now hear from the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General of the Army Omar N. Bradley, Class of 1915. General Brdaley:"

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'For a century and a half West Point has trained men whose lives are dedicated to 'Furthering Our National Security', the theme of the Sesquicentennial celebration. Graduates of the United States Military Academy will continue to learn strategy and tactics of war. But in this democracy of ours we know our professional soldiers and airmen are first devoted to the preservation of peace. The past accomplishments of West Point graduates in their service to the United States provides real inspiration for our Nation on this anniversary. But the future, not the past of our Country is of greatest concern. We want to continue to enjoy our freedom. To have it and hold it, we must protect it. Now and for some time

to come, the military life is going to be part of all of our lives. Each young man must necessarily spend some time in the service of his Country. All the young Americans who serve, with the exception of those who enter the Navy, are going to depend to a greater or lesser degree upon the graduates of West Point, to the code of performance and the standards of leadership throughout the Army and the Air Force. The future generations of American soldiers deserve the best leadership this Nation can offer. With this great demand for our best young leaders, we can rightfully ask, 'What does West Point have to offer these intelligent and energetic young men? Is it worthwhile for the young man himself?' Let me answer my own questions. West Point takes the richest and the poorest, the farmer's son and the factory worker's boy, from all walks of life, and gives them an excellent academic education and unparalleled opportunity for service to their Country. The leadership training at West Point is typically democratic, typically American, and all American. For one hundred and fifty years West Point has graduated men in whom America and the Armed Forces can take great pride. On behalf of the men and women of the Armed Forces, I congratulate West Point, my own Alma Mater, on one hundred and fifty years of service to the Nation and wish her well for the future.'

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General Eisenhower's Message was then introduced by General Crittenberger:

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"General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower, Class of 1915, speaks to you from Paris. General Eisenhower:"

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'With all other men of West Point, I proudly join today in salute to our Alma Mater. Her record of public service over the past century and a half is written in the annals of a thousand of our Nation's battlefields and in the accomplishments of all her sons. But to her own, the true meaning of West Point is a deeper and more personal thing. It is of the heart and of the spirit. From cadets she has made soldiers—good soldiers; but more than this, she has made better men of all of us. She has pointed out the true path to a rich fullness of life in the service of America, its people and its cherished ideals. She has kept high the flag before the world and in our hearts.'

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The Message from The Secretary of The Army was then introduced by General Crittenberger.

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"The Secretary of the Army, Mr. Frank Pace, Jr., who was the Chairman of the Inaugural of the Sesquicentennial, sends his greetings from Washington. Mr. Pace:"

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'As Secretary of the Army, I am privileged to work daily with Army officers who are alumni of the United States Military Academy. When I speak about West Point therefore, I speak from intimate personal experience with the men produced by the Academy. To my mind there is no fairer way to evaluate any institution of learning. The mission of West Point is to train professional leaders capable of rendering a lifetime of service in our Regular Army and Air Force. For one hundred and fifty years the men of West Point have furnished living proof of the success with which the Military Academy has single-mindedly pursued this mission. Its graduates have exerted their influence on every major campaign waged by American soldiers or airmen. From the Mexican War to Korea, West Pointers have filled with distinction many of the high command positions in our Army and later in our Air Force. It is fair to say that their contribution played some part in moving Prime Minister Churchill to say, 'It remains to me a mystery, as yet unexplained, how the very small staffs which the United States kept during the years of peace were able not only to build up the Armies and the Air Force units but also to find the leaders and vast staffs capable of handling enormous moves and of moving them faster and farther than masses have ever been moved in war before.' In between wars the West Pointer has proven himself the highest type of public servant, living and working according to the code of 'Duty, Honor, Country', in which he has been reared. The Military Academy has grown with our Nation, rendering peacetime as well as wartime service throughout all the years of its existence. Today the business of every Army officer is to aid in preserving the peace. This calls for a breadth of understanding of economic and geo-political problems which goes beyond pure military knowledge. West Point has adjusted and must continue to adjust itself to the requirements of its graduates in a changing world. It is clear that the caliber of its graduates provides the ultimate test of an educational institution. That is why on its Founders Day, I pay tribute to West Point—molder of men.'

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General Crittenberger then introduced a message from the Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Fechteler.

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"The Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral William Fechteler, United States Naval Academy Class of 1916, speaks to you from Washington. Admiral Fechteler:"

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'At a time when the need of leadership among men is receiving so much attention in the free nations in the world, it seems particularly appropriate to me that our attention should be focused upon the United States Military Academy at West Point; and I am honored to have the privilege of extending the Navy's congratulations to an institution which has been devoted for one hundred and fifty years to the vital task of developing leadership.

'The history of West Point can be written in terms of the men of West Point, men whose names are familiar to every student of American history, men like Grant and Lee, Goethals and Pershing, MacArthur and Eisenhower, Ridgway and Van Fleet. From generation to generation, this heritage of leadership has been preserved at West Point despite the rise and fall of the popularity of professional military education. Graduates of West Point have been in the forefront in the defense of democracy throughout the years in response to the demands of this freedom-loving nation for leadership built upon the pillars of the Academy's motto: Duty, Honor, Country.

'Whatever the demands of the future may be, the accomplishments of the past are evidence enough that your United States Military Academy stands ready to perpetuate its enviable record of leadership and service to the United States and to the free world.'

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General Crittenberger then introduced the oldest graduate present, Major General Henry Clay Hodges, Class of 1881, to the audience. Following this introduction, The Cadet Glee Club sang "Army Blue." General Crittenberger then introduced the Chief of Staff of the Army, General J. Lawton Collins who delivered the Sesquicentennial Address.

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"In introducing the principal speaker of the day, the distinguished Chief of Staff of the United States Army, I find that mere words are somewhat inadequate to do justice to the achievements of the man. The group within hearing of this Sesquicentennial observance is too well aware of the military service of this outstanding officer to necessitate a recital of his military achievements over the years. As the Army inexorably recognizes leadership, our speaker on this Founders Day has been a man of destiny on the battlefield and off. In his capacity as Chief of Staff, he recognizes that young graduates who have proven themselves priceless as time goes by constitute one of our country's greatest assets which we cannot afford to sacrifice except in the defense of the United States. In these uncertain times, it is difficult to name an individual American who, through strength of purpose and firmness, has done more to enhance the combat effectiveness of the United States Army. The spirit of every West Pointer must burn brighter today as we gather here in Washington Hall. Under his leadership at this moment all over the world, wherever it may be, whatever it may be doing, the Army of the United States looks with confidence on the indomitable will and fighting heart of its peerless leader, General Joseph Lawton Collins."

General Collins then addressed the gathering:

"Never before in history has it been so important that the soldier have a broad understanding of the relationships between all the factors that make up our national security.

"In the early days of this great institution which we honor today, a graduate of the Military Academy needed above all else a pioneering spirit in order to shoulder his responsibilities in the opening of our new land. Because West Point was one of the early seats of learning in this country, and the earliest source of engineering knowledge, its graduates were called upon to play a great part in the development of our young nation.

"As our frontiers moved westward many West Pointers led the way guiding and guarding, mapping and surveying as they battled Indians and an unknown terrain. The migrant trickle became a steady flow to the Pacific over the trails they had blazed. At the same time our Engineers were improving our rivers and facilitating the safe berthing of our growing ocean trade in our harbors.

"It would be difficult to find a major railroad in the United States which does not owe its original construction, at least in part, to the efforts of graduates of this Academy. The excellence of their labors was so widespread that they were also called upon for such foreign projects as the Panama and the Cuban railroads and the Mexican line from Vera Cruz through Mexico City to the Pacific Ocean.

"Quite naturally, also, graduates of this earliest engineering school were called upon to pass on their knowledge to schools in other parts of our country. By 1860, 40 graduates were professors of mathematics and 16 were professors of civil engineering in colleges and universities spread over 21 states. Equivalent contributions were made in other fields such as theology, astronomy and navigation.

"As the nation and its arts and sciences expanded, graduates also needed a greater appreciation of the more intricate implements of war. They had to study the "new developments" of their day—the revolver and the repeating rifle, the telegraph and the balloon, the new maneuvers of infantry and the radical employment of cavalry. The lessons learned at West Point were now to stand them in good stead in leading men in new battlefield tactics where the spirit of the offensive and the doctrine of mobility

were to ensure our national survival on global battlefields of later years.

"As the country grew larger, the world grew smaller with every advance in communications and our problems of national security became interlinked, perforce, with world problems of security.

"Today, a graduate entering the service of his country needs an even broader training than ever before to understand the complex relationships between all the factors that make up our national security. He needs to comprehend electronics as well as men; economics as well as weapons; diplomacy as well as tactics. He needs to know these things not only because they are part of the science of war, but because they are more closely related than in the past to our national security, and to the survival of the entire free world.

"It is only natural that as things change the Army's tasks change. In some cases we have been required to assume new non-military responsibilities simply because we could not escape them.

"Such was the case at the close of World War II when the responsibility for the establishment and the administration of government in Germany, Japan, Korea, Trieste, Italy, Austria, and the Ryukyus was thrust upon the Army. These tasks involved all the complex civil functions which are normal to everyday community life.

"New forms of government had to be set up. Laws had to be written, enacted, and administered. Normal police functions had to be reestablished. Millions of people had to be fed, clothed, and sheltered. Their health and sanitation measures were a constant concern. Millions of children had to be put back in school—and some re-educated—under our supervision. In Germany alone, the Army Youth Assistance Program aided in rehabilitating almost a million youngsters. Hundreds of thousands of displaced persons and prisoners of war had to be repatriated. Public utilities had to be rebuilt. Newspapers and radio stations had to be reorganized, and recreational facilities revived.

"Of course, the Army could not accomplish all these tasks without the help of many civilians, some commissioned especially for these purposes, but most of the executive directors perforce had to come largely from the regular corps of officers.

"While we would like to have escaped some of these responsibilities, and while we felt that they should be turned over to civil authority as soon as possible, nevertheless, they became our problems; and it was several years following World War II before we could concentrate on our military jobs alone in many areas. And through it all, officers of the Army needed a wide knowledge of issues well outside the military field; they had not only to guard and further the interests of our nation but they had to recognize the every-day needs of a conquered people.

"As some semblance of stability returned to the postwar world, we were denied the firm basis of peace for which all of us so fervently hoped. We were denied this because a new aggressor backed by the largest Army in the world, was, and still is, pursuing imperialist expansion, even beyond that of past Emperors, Czars, or Kaisers.

"This new menace is using every device known to man to gain his aggressive ends: propaganda, subversion, infiltration, and—where advantageous—the barbarous use of satellite military force. As a result, war-torn nations have been strangled in their efforts to regain political and economic stability, and many free nations have been forced to spend beyond their means to bolster their defenses and guard their freedoms.

"It was clear then, in the postwar world, that such an unprecedented challenge required unprecedented effort to meet it. And the scope of that effort requires unprecedented understanding on the part of young men—particularly young officers—entering the service of their country.

"The program of the American people is designed to prevent the catastrophe of another world war. However war could be thrust upon us, and we must be prepared to win it with all the resources that combined forethought and superior science can muster. All of our preparations are defensive ones to provide mutual security through common effort.

"The American program for peace encompasses:

first, active participation in the United Nations;

second, regional security arrangements within the framework of the United Nations—like the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the Organization of American States;

third, military assistance programs by which we furnish military aid to increase the strength of friendly nations and thus strengthen the defenses of the free world;

fourth, economic assistance programs to aid certain friendly nations to stand on their own feet in areas where human welfare is the first essential in the struggle against communism;

fifth, an information program including the Voice of America, to tell the people of the world the story of freedom;

sixth, the rebuilding of our own armed forces.

"This program is so vast that it challenges the imagination and wisdom of all of us, but upon it rests the hopes of the world; and we must make it work! Military men do not direct this program, but they are inescapably involved in its practical operations. Most of you now in the Corps of Cadets will at some time take part in one way or another. It is imperative, therefore, that you understand all aspects of this vast undertaking and that you prepare yourselves not only in a technical military way, but on a far broader basis in order to grasp the full meaning of the political, economic, psychological and moral factors involved.

"Following World War I, men tried to formulate a method of ridding the world of the curse of war. The League of Nations, in the opinion of many, could have accomplished this. But men could not agree on the ways to "put teeth" into the League and it foundered primarily on the reluctance to commit, ahead of time, armed forces to meet armed aggression. World War II was the result.

"Out of the chaos of World War II rose the concept of the United Nations. It envisaged the creation of a world instrument capable at least of giving to all its members security against aggression. Of course, it is imperfect, as all human creations are, but still there is no better instrument at hand for preventing another world war. The world has again been rent by the challenge of a counterfeit philosophy which purports to offer freedom, but which is really based upon slavery and the complete subjugation of the individual to the state. The free world, holding the dignity of the individual to be supreme and seeing the gulf widen, found it necessary to meet the challenge by adopting additional security measures.

"The North Atlantic Treaty Organization is one of these measures. In it lies a tangible assurance of collective strength which, we hope, will deter an aggressor from launching war. The security of Western Europe is vital to the security of the United States, and the defense of it is, in effect, a defense of the United States—a factor which is often overlooked. The importance of the product-

The Chief of Staff of the United States Air Force, General Vandenberg, signs the guest register.

General Irving presents a Sesquicentennial medallion to the Chief of Staff of the Army, General Collins.

ive capacity of Western Europe should not be underestimated. If Western Europe falls under communist domination, the free world will lose the industrial efforts and scientific skills of more than 200 million people. The coal and steel of the Ruhr, the Saar, and the Lille areas would be lost, and the economic scales might be tipped against us. The free world now outproduces the communist nations approximately 3 to 1. But if Western Europe were lost, Soviet productive capacity would exceed that of the free world's.

"These are important facts to the soldier, as well as to the economist, and he must be the first to recognize that the true foundation of modern armed strength is great industrial capacity. This is a fundamental relationship which the young officer today must learn quickly.

"During the past ten years, I have had to make many trips to various parts of the globe. I never return to the United States without a deeper impression of the fact that an empty stomach is more likely to cause conflict than a loaded rifle, and is even more likely to turn despairing people to communism.

"Greece is an example of the necessity for a close relationship between our military and economic programs. Here was a country trying to rebuild its economy in the very shadow of the Iron Curtain without the military strength to preserve that economy. Here is a country to which the rest of the world can look for an example of the effectiveness of coordinated military and economic aid in enabling free nations to withstand aggression.

"Prior to our entering the picture, the Greeks could not cope with the guerillas. The farmers of Greece could not gather their crops and the Greek people were not getting enough to eat, because just as soon as the grain was ready for harvest, the guerillas would swoop down from their mountain strongholds and seize it. What they couldn't seize, they destroyed.

"The Greek Government did not have the means to strengthen their armed forces so that they could put an end to the guerilla menace. Yet without adequate military security the people of Greece could not produce either the crops or the goods which would, in turn, produce the revenues necessary to maintain the troops. Thus a vicious circle was established which could result only in those chaotic economic conditions which are so favorable to the spread of communism.

"Our combined economic and military missions, under the wise and efficient leadership of Ambassador Grady and General Van Fleet, finally brought an end to these conditions. The Greek people, with our military and economic assistance, rose, as with their ancient might, defeated the guerillas, and then set about solving their internal problems unhampered by the constant menace of active communist military forces within their very borders.

"These results could not have been achieved if our American representatives, military and civilian alike, had not shown good judgment, restraint, patience, and a thorough understanding not only of Greek sensibilities but of the dovetailed relationships between military and economic aid.

"Somewhat similar conditions existed in Turkey, although here the threat of Soviet armies was closer at hand.

"Again our purpose was to assist in creating efficient, well-balanced modern armed forces with the capability of resisting aggression, without imposing an unbearable drain on the Turkish ecnomy.

"Here, too, our American personnel had to develop a broad understanding of the intricacies of Turkish life and customs, and an appreciation of the fine balance between military requirements and economic capabilities. How well this is being done was brought home to me recently when a working newspaperman went out of his way to tell me personally his reactions to the job our military mission is doing in Turkey.

"He had been traveling in Turkey and had visited some Turkish outposts where our young officers and enlisted men were assisting the Turks in training. He said that he happened on a small group of American officers in a remote town. These men had not only won the confidence of their Turkish comrades-in-arms but they had also earned the trust and faith of the villagers by their high standards of personal conduct and their sympathetic approach to existence in that Turkish town, which had few if any of the conveniences of modern life.

"I saw similar evidences of the success of our missions in other countries while on my recent trip around the world.

"Those Americans working for our government abroad—both military and civilian—are invaluable in assisting us to gain an insight into the cultures of other peoples, and they into ours; and they are fostering an ever-growing mutual understanding between Americans and all freedom-loving people.

"Some of you young graduates and many of you who are about to graduate will be taking their places. Today, almost half of our forces are overseas and it has never been more necessary that the comportment of every man in uniform be above reproach.

"I know it may seem trite to mention the importance of every officer and soldier overseas being an "Ambassador of Good Will" for his country, but nevertheless it is true. More damage to the cause of freedom could be done by one mistake of judgment on our part than by a thousand propaganda acts or threatening gestures by those who deliberately plan them.

"Taken together, all aspects of our national security are unavoidably intricate but the rebuilding of our own Armed Forces is a vastly complex problem by itself. We are on the threshold of new developments that challenge the imagination and ingenuity of the most optimistic planners. Guided missiles, atomic weapons, jet aircraft, powerful new ammunitions, and many other advances are all creating a new framework of defense in which the technical sciences play a greater role than ever before.

"The man in uniform today has need to consult continuously the man of science. And similarly the scientist must keep close touch with the soldier who has to use these new weapons. Theory and practice—vision and reality—must be combined in the best interests of the country's security.

"The military man must satisfy himself that a new weapon will do the job in the manner necessary without an inordinate expenditure of the nation's resources, including productive man-hours, raw materials and sheer dollar cost. On the other hand a new weapon or concept should not be either accepted or rejected solely on a theoretical basis without a careful examination of its battlefield potential through the eyes of experienced soldiers.

"In all of this there is a danger that we may become so enthralled by machines and weapons systems, that we may lose sight of the fact that the man—the individual soldier—is the supreme element in combat. That is the reason why the foundation of our system of discipline is the same as the very foundation of our system of government; the preservation of the dignity of the individual.

"Our officer corps is dedicated to the belief that our high standards of character and integrity must be maintained. We recognize, honor, and preserve the dignity and identity of the humblest soldier. The most fundamental relationship in the Army is that which exists between the officer and the men who are entrusted to his care. We have perhaps the most democratic Army in the world. But its performance on the battlefields of Korea has clearly shown that it does not lack discipline. The fact that our discipline is a reasonable and not a rigid thing accounts largely for the magnificent performance of our Army, because it does not dull the resourcefulness and initiative of the individual soldier.

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"These men are some of the varied relationships which an officer today must know. These complex problems are indeed a new and greater challenge to the young officer. They require of him a keener imagination, a more vigorous mentality, and a broader understanding than in the past.

"But, above all else, you must bring to the solution of these problems, the highest standards of character and integrity. It is in this field that West Point must continue to make its greatest contribution to the Army and to the Nation. While machines and arms may be multiplied and changed, these essential human qualities remain changeless and priceless. However much we may treasure the technical knowledge, tactical skill, or academic foundation we may acquire at this Academy, its high standards of integrity are our most sacred heritage. This country has, in the past hundred and fifty years, come to know and expect such standards as the hallmarks of West Point.

"So, as we rededicate ourselves this Founders Day to "Duty, Honor, Country", let us be more resolved than ever to maintain those immutable concepts of character and integrity we learned as cadets at West Point.

"In so doing, I am confident that we can do our part in carrying forward our nation's program for security and for peace."

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General Crittenberger then took the rostrum and said:

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"Thank you, General Collins, for these inspiring remarks on this historic occasion.

"The following is a message received from the President of the United States:"

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

U S Naval Station,
Key West, Florida
March 12, 1952

Dear General Irving:

I congratulate West Point on its one hundred fiftieth anniversary.

In two World Wars and in the intervening years of peace, I have worked with many West Pointers. I have seen them demonstrate time after time the splendid qualities of leadership and high responsibility in keeping with the highest traditions of the Military Academy. Never were these qualities so evident as in the creation and leadership of American Forces who so successfully defeated enemy armies in two World Wars.

They are now again making vital contributions to the building of American defense forces. In addition, many West Point graduates are working with the armed forces of other free nations, particularly through the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. Their efforts are designed to prevent another terrible war and to discourage further Communist aggression.

All of us should be proud of the many fine achievements made throughout our history by the men of West Point. Their devotion to 'Duty,—Honor—Country', their courage, and their character have greatly strengthened our democracy and helped make it possible for us all to survive as free people.

Sincerely yours,

HARRY S TRUMAN

Major General Frederick A Irving, USA
Superintendent,
United States Military Academy,
West Point, New York.

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"The following is a statement by the Honorable Robert A. Lovett, Secretary of Defense:"

'On the occasion of its one hundred and fiftieth anniversary, I welcome the opportunity of expressing to the United States Military Academy the appreciation of the Department of Defense of its fine record of achievement.

'Since March 1802 the Academy has been developing the future officers for the Arms or Services and has provided a share of its graduates to the Air Arm. In time of peace the Corps has furnished the officer leadership which nurtured the regular establishment and prepared it for an orderly expansion in periods of great need. With the perils of wars fresh in our memory, we have good reason to be thankful for the product of West Point, for in every national emergency since its foundation, it has provided its share of leaders.

"The Academy's motto of 'Duty, Honor, Country' represents the foundation upon which the cadet builds his career, for it inculcates in him the highest standards of individual conduct and an enduring respect for ideals of service.

'As Secretary of Defense I saluate West Point, and hope its future will be as distinguished as its past.'

ROBERT A. LOVETT

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"The Cadet Glee Club will now sing the 'Alma Mater'."

After the singing of the "Alma Mater," General Crittenberger made his concluding remarks:

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"As these exercises commemorating the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the founding of West Point come to an end, we do know that in this day of uncertainty, of highly technical civilization and intricate national economies, the tremendous ramifications of complexities of world struggle now blooming on the horizon will strain every portion of our national fabric. We know, too, that within its sphere West Point will play its part in our country's struggle and play it well. With no changes and with traditional emphasis upon individual honor and upright character, but with a constant readiness to adopt its teaching to the needs of the time, the Military Academy will continue to meet the challenge of each new era.

"At this time, it would seem appropriate to extend our appreciation to the Superintendent, to the authorities at West Point, to the Corps of Cadets, to the Glee Club, and to all others concerned for this historic and unforgettable ceremony.

"In concluding the observance of Founders Day, the Right Reverend Arthur B. Kinsolving, II, Bishop of Arizona, will pronounce the Benediction."

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Bishop Kinsolving then gave the Benediction:

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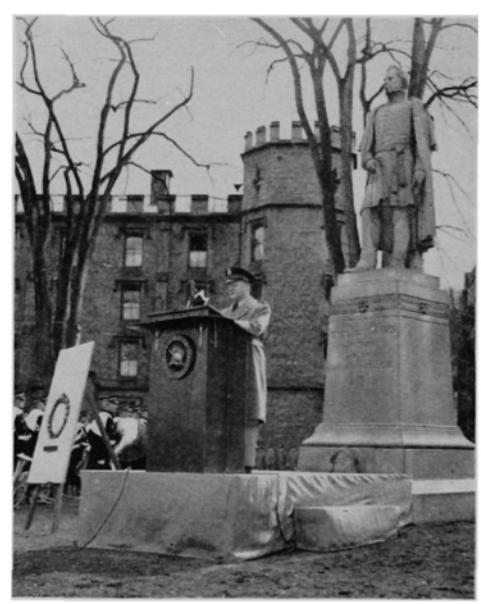
"God of the Nation, we give Thee thanks for the comradeship of this hour. May the honor and heritage we enjoy from the past give us resolution for the future. May the honor of our country be the high purpose of our discipline. May duty and honor go hand and hand in this institution. May high courage give us victory and true compassion give us peace. And may the peace of God which passeth all understanding keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge of love of God and His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. And may the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. Amen."

REMARKS BY BRIGADIER GENERAL HARRIS JONES, DEAN OF THE ACADEMIC BOARD, AT THE THAYER MEMORIAL EXERCISES ON FOUNDERS DAY, 16 MARCH 1952.

"Fellow members of the Corps of Cadets, past and present, ladies and gentlemen:

"No observance of Founders Day in this Sesquicentennial Year would be complete did we not pause to pay tribute to the great role played by Sylvanus Thayer in the development of the United States Military Academy. Few educational institutions have been so profoundly influenced by one man as was West Point by Thayer.



Brigadier General Harris Jones, Dean of the Academic Board, delivers the Thayer Memorial Address on Founders Day.

"A graduate of the Military Academy in 1808, Thayer served with credit in the War of 1812 and was brevetted Major for distinguished and meritorious service. In 1815, he was sent to Europe by a foresighted War Department to study military education and organization and to observe the tactics of the European armies. Upon his arrival in France he learned, to his professional disappointment, that the battle of Waterloo had taken place just two days earlier;—it was possibly the only time in his career that he was ever late to a military formation. He was much impressed by the Ecole Polytechnique, the great French school for military engineers whose memorial stands here as a neighbor to his own. Thayer's thorough study of its organization, methods of instruction and curriculum was to prove fruitful indeed in his next assignment.

"In the spring of 1817, when he was not yet thirty-two years old and had but ten years of commissioned service, Captain (Brevet Major) Thayer received orders to return to the United States and to report for duty as Superintendent at West Point. Here he found that the neglect of his official superiors and the inadequacies of his predecessor had combined to produce a sorry state of confusion bordering upon disintegration.

"What Thayer did to rectify the situation has been accurately stated by General Danford, whom I quote:

> 'He did not reorganize or reform West Point. He rebuilt it. He cleared away the rubble of decay and collapse and constructed it anew into a great and lasting institution.'

"No doubt some of his policies and methods which served their purpose well in his day have gradually been modified or superseded with the advancing years. Nevertheless, it is quite extraordinary how many of the distinctive practices which make up the 'West Point System' as we know it were initiated by Thayer. To his genius we owe the establishment of the Academic Board, the office of the Commandant of Cadets, the organization of the Corps of Cadets as a tactical unit. He introduced the 3.0 grading system and the demerit system (for which the present-day cadet may perhaps not thank him), the small classes sectioned according to ability, the regulated schedule for study, recitation, drill, recreation and sleep, and many another procedure which we now take for granted as standard, up-to-date doctrine.

"But our admiration for these specific contributions, well though they exemplify his consummate skill as an organizer, administrator and disciplinarian, should not distract our attention from the broader basis of Thayer's claim to the title "Father of the Military Academy." What made him a truly great educator was his devotion to three principles which still constitute the foundation upon which everything worthwhile and distinctive at West Point rests.

"These are: first, character,—complete integrity and devotion to duty; second, a curriculum as broad as is consistent with the requirements of professional training; and third, insistence that each cadet exercise his own faculties to the utmost of his ability.

"Sixty-nine years ago this June, General George Washington Cullum and a group of graduates unveiled this monument to Colonel Thayer. General Cullum presented the statue with these words:"

'To Colonel Thayer, who has achieved so much for military science and the glory of his country; who was always true to himself and his trust; and who, with pride could point to the graduates of this Academy as the jewels and adornments of his administration, as did the noble Cornelia to her Gracchi sons we come this day to offer in memoriam a similitude of his living self . . . may this monument, reared in loving gratitude to the 'Father of the Military Academy,' on this historic plain of West Point, ever stimulate the men here educated to win a like recognition for merit and patriotism.'

"We meet here on this Founders Day of the Sesquicentennial Year to acknowledge once again our indebtedness to this great leader. On behalf of the Association of Graduates of the United States Military Academy, I present this bronze wreath as an enduring symbol of the place Sylvanus Thayer holds in our hearts and as a material indication of the rededication of graduates the world over to the ideals of the Military Academy: to Duty, to Honor, and to Country."

SESQUICENTENNIAL REPORT

By CAPTAIN GEORGE S. PAPPAS, '44

Assistant Sesquicentennial Director

In addition to the Founders Day ceremonies which were held at West Point as a part of the Sesquicentennial observance, many other events have taken place since the presentation of the Lee Portrait on 19 January.

On 24 April the Drawing Division of the American Society of Engineering Education met at West Point for their annual meeting. Host to the visiting engineers were the members of the Department of Military Topography and Graphics.

A program sponsored by the Department of the Army to familiarize ROTC units with the Military Academy and its functions got underway on 28 February when the first of four groups of ROTC students came to West Point. During this period, from 28 February to 4 May, two ROTC cadets from each college and university having a senior Army ROTC unit will visit West Point. Comments received from both cadets who have already visited at West Point and from the college officials of the schools they represented indicate that the visits have been very worthwhile.

The USMA Band and the Cadet Glee Club have continued with their program of Sesquicentennial concerts. A feature of these concerts has been the original music composed by outstanding musicologists for the Sesquicentennial. The fourth concert was a tremendous success. Mildred Miller of the Metropolitan Opera was featured soloist and Robert Russell Bennett directed his original composition "Choral Overture" A series of tableaux featuring the Cadet Glee Club and the Band was received with overwhelming enthusiasm. The tableaux were built about traditional West Point music such as "The Dashing White Sergeant", "Benny Havens", "Missouri National", and others.

On Saturday, 8 March, a contingent of midshipmen from Annapolis came to West Point to present a plaque to the Corps of Cadets from the Brigade of Midshipmen in commemoration of the Sesquicentennial. Midshipman Captain Robert P. MacDonald, Brigade Commander of the Brigade of Midshipmen, presented the plaque at a Review of the Corps of Cadets held in Central Area. It is noteworthy that this Review was the first ever given for a Naval Academy undergraduate.

From Friday, 14 March, through Sunday, 16 March, a Conference on the History of West Point and the Hudson Highlands was held at the Military Academy under the auspices of the New York Historical Association. Three hundred members of the Association were at West Point for the period. Featured on the program were the following discussions:

Colonel Herman Beukema—*The Role of Geology in the History of the Hudson Highlands*

Colonel H. Crampton Jones—*The History of Constitution Island*

Senator T. C. Desmond—*The Battle for the Preservation of the Highlands of the Hudson*

Colonel Eleazar Parmly III—*West Point Folklore*

Colonel R. Ernest Dupuy—*West Point Men in World War II*

Walter Millis—*West Point and International Relations*

Douglas Southall Freeman—*West Point in Revolutionary Strategy*

The members of the Association made a tour of the Post and a visit to Constitution Island during their stay. The Warner House on Constitution Island has been restored by the Constitution Island Association and was opened especially for the visit of the New York State Historical Association.

The Sesquicentennial Steering Group has scheduled a series of five lectures centered about the theme of the Sesquicentennial, "Furthering Our National Security" Implicit in all of them, explicit in the final lecture is the realization that the security of the Free World and the United States has become one and inseparable. As a unit the lecture program will explore the contributions made to common security by certain elements and forces in national life. Dr. Henry Wriston, President of Brown University, spoke on "The Role of Higher Education in Furthering the Security of the Nation" on 5 March. The Editor of the Christian Science Monitor, Mr. Erwin D. Canham, explained "The Role of the Press and other Media of Communication in Furthering the Security of the Nation" on 30 March. Mr. Philip D. Reed, Chairman of the Board of the General Electric Company, discussed "The Role of Business and Industry in Furthering the Security of the Nation" on 8 April. "The Impact of Modern Technology of the Front-line Combat Team" was the subject of the address by General of the Army Omar N. Bradley on 15 April. In the final lecture, on 21 April General Alfred M. Gruenther, Chief of Staff, SHAPE, discussed "The Mission of SHAPE and NATO in Furthering the Security of the Free World"

The American Ordnance Association met at West Point 21-25 April and the National Security Industrial Association visited the Military Academy on 1 May. Armed Forces Day will be observed in an appropriate manner on 17 May. The final major event of the Sesquicentennial will be the Jubilee Convocation on Tuesday, 20 May. The traditional ceremonies of June Week will conclude the Sesquicentennial period.

Cadets and Midshipmen at the ceremony on 8 March, when the plaque commemorating the Sesquicentennial was presented to the Corps of Cadets by the Brigade of Midshipmen.

WEST POINTERS AT OXFORD

By COLONEL WALTER J. RENFROE, JR.

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On December 15, 1951, at New Orleans, Cadet Charles R. Wallis of Malvern, Arkansas, was selected as a Rhodes Scholar. Appearing before the District Selection Committee for the states of Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas, he was one of four successful candidates selected from a qualifying group of 12. Cadet Wallis, a member of the Class of 1952 at the Military Academy, thus becomes the 24th West Pointer to be selected for the high distinction of representing the United States at the University of Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar.

While all West Pointers of the last 25 years have heard fleeting references to the Rhodes Scholarships, few have acquired any real knowledge of just what West Point has accomplished in this field. Actually cadets and graduates of the United States Military Academy have established an enviable record in the Rhodes Scholarships competitions. Since the year 1924, when members of the Corps of Cadets were first allowed to participate in the selections for these scholarships, West Pointers have placed fourth among the students of all colleges of the United States in the total number of students selected for this honor. Leading the Military Academy in this respect are only the three great eastern universities, Princeton, Harvard, and Yale. The fact that cadets have done so well in a field of endeavor which would normally appeal primarily to the students of civilian universities is an indication of the general excellence of West Point academic standards and the West Point system of education.

The establishment of the whole system of Rhodes Scholarships at the University of Oxford resulted from the will of the late Cecil John Rhodes, British financier and statesman, builder of a great portion of Britain's empire in Africa, himself an Oxford graduate of 1881. At the time of his death, in 1902, he provided for the establishment of scholarships for selected young men from the dominions of the British Empire and other English-speaking countries, and from Germany. The scholarship selections as applied to Germany were discontinued between 1916 and 1929, as a result of World War I, and again in 1939. Mr. Rhodes specified definitely the basis of selection on which the candidates were to be judged. The following excerpt from the current Rhodes Scholarship Memorandum of Instruction indicates the background required for Rhodes Scholars. Selection is based on the following characteristics:

"a. Literary and scholastic ability and attainments.

b. Qualities of manhood, truth, courage, devotion to duty, sympathy, kindliness, unselfishness, and fellowship.

c. Exhibition of moral force of character and of instincts to lead and to take an interest in his schoolmates.

d. Physical vigour, as shown by interest in outdoor sports or in other ways.

"Some definite quality of distinction, whether in intellect or character, is the most important requirement for a Rhodes Scholarship, and it is upon this that Committees will insist. The Rhodes Scholar should not be a one-sided man. Thus special distinction of intellect should be founded upon sound character and special quality of character upon sound intellect. Success in being elected to office in student organizations may or may not be evidence of leadership in the true sense of the word. Mr. Rhodes evidently regarded leadership as consisting of moral courage and interest in one's fellow-men quite as much as in the more aggressive qualities. Physical vigour is an essential qualification for a Rhodes Scholarship, but athletic prowess is of less importance than the moral qualities developed in playing outdoor games."

Each year 32 scholarships are available in the United States. The selection of Rhodes Scholars to fill these positions is accomplished through a territorial organization of eight districts, each consisting of six states. Each candidate for a Rhodes Scholarship initially appears before the state committee of selection in his own home state or the state in which he is doing his college work. This committee selects two candidates, who then appear before the district committee. In this way a total of twelve young men selected from the various states of the district appear before each district committee. The district committee selects from these candidates a total of four, all of whom receive scholarships. Men selected as Rhodes Scholars normally report to Oxford in October of the following year and then spend from two to three years studying at the University. Each Rhodes Scholarship provides for a minimum of two years of study, with a possible third year added if the student's record in his first two years justifies this extension. A stay of three years at Oxford has been the normal period of study for West Point Rhodes Scholars.

It was in the year 1924 that West Pointers were first allowed to participate in the Rhodes selections. Francis R. Johnson of the Class of 1923, then a Second Lieutenant of Engineers, and Charles E. Saltzman and Standish Weston, both of the Class of 1925, were selected as the Military Academy's first representatives at Oxford, where they began their study in the fall of 1925. Listed below are the West Pointers who have won Rhodes Scholarships up to the present time:

Class	Name	Dates at Oxford
1923	Johnson, Francis R.	1925-1927; 1930 & 1932 (completion of studies delayed by illness)
1925	Saltzman, Charles E.	1925-1928
1925	Weston, Standish	1925-1928
1929	Lincoln, George A.	1929-1932
1930	Whipple, William	1930-1933
1930	Schimmelpfennig, I. R.	1930-1933
1931	Bonesteel, Chas. H., III	1931-1934
1931	Parker, Edward M.	1931-1934
1931	Rodgers, Lawrence H.	1931-1934
1932	Black, Roger D. Jr.	1932-1935
1932	McCormack, James Jr.	1932-1935
1933	Sibley, Alden K.	1933-1936
1936	Connor, William M. Jr.	1936-1939
Jan. '43	*Rebh, George A.	1947-1950
June '43	*Rogers, Bernard W.	1947-1950
1946	*Jordan, Amos A.	1947-1950
1946	*Posvar, Wesley W.	1948-1951
1946	*Strain, Milton A.	1949-
1947	*Bate, Roger R.	1947-1950
1949	*Carvolth, Richard T.	1949-
1949	*McGurk, Dan L.	1949-
1950	Thompson, James M.	1951-
1951	Remson, Andrew C. Jr.	1951-
1952	Wallis, Charles R.	To enter in Oct. 1952

*War Service Scholarship.

Before any candidate is invited to appear before a state selection committee, he must receive from his college a written endorsement of his Rhodes Scholarship candidacy. Thus each cadet who is a prospective candidate must first secure from the Academic Board of the Military Academy a formal endorsement attesting his qualifications for the competition. In the spring of each year cadets who are interested in the Rhodes Scholarship selection for the following December, normally Second Classmen, submit their names to a local committee appointed by the Academic Board. This committee, consisting of three of the permanent professors, reviews the record of each of the candidates and conducts a personal interview with those whose records qualify them for further consideration. After the interviews this committee recommends to the Academic Board those cadets whom it feels deserving of the endorsement. This selection of candidates for endorsement is conducted on a very strict basis; normally not more than about half of the cadets who apply receive the endorsement. A man must ordinarily stand in the first ten per cent of his class academically in order to qualify for the committee's endorsement, and, in practice, those receiving the endorsement are usually in the top three or four per cent. Each of these cadets must also indicate in his interview and through his record that he possesses to an outstanding degree the other characteristics called for in Rhodes Scholarship competition.

Each cadet finally endorsed by the Academic Board individually forwards his application to his state selection committee, together with a transcript of his record and a short essay outlining his reasons for wanting to study at Oxford. The state selection committees decide, after study of the papers of all candidates, which young men they will invite to appear for the interview in December. Normally the West Pointers endorsed by the Academic Board receive the invitation to appear before their state committees. The cadets who are so invited are granted special leave for this purpose. The state selection committees conduct their interviews on a day early in December, and the candidates selected at these meetings then appear before their respective district committees one or two days later. At the conclusion of the interviews before the district committees the winners of the scholarships are immediately announced, and the cadets return to West Point knowing whether or not they have succeeded.

During World War II the selection of Rhodes Scholars was suspended, but after the war, in order to make up for the lapse, the annual number of scholarships was temporarily increased. The usual provisions that a scholar must be unmarried and must be between the ages of 19 and 25 at the time he begins his study at Oxford were suspended, the upper age limit being so increased as to admit candidates who had been within the upper age limit at any time since 1940. In addition to these two modifications of the normal rules, the minimum of two years of college work normally required before applying was reduced to a possible one year. In practice, however, it continued to be true that American Rhodes Scholars generally had at least a BS or BA degree before entering Oxford. In order to qualify for a so-called War Service Scholarship a candidate had to have served either in the Armed Forces or in some civilian position directly connected with the war effort. In the years 1946 and 1947 the annual number of scholarships, including both War Service and the normal ones, was increased to 48. In 1948, the last year of War Service Scholarships, the usual 32 scholarships were awarded, but these could be granted either to normally qualified candidates or to War Service candidates, in proportions left to the discretion of each state and district committee. Eight West Pointers qualified as Rhodes Scholars under the provisions of the War Service Scholarships.

During his stay at Oxford, the Military Academy Graduate Rhodes Scholar, now a lieutenant, becomes a member of one of the various colleges of the university, just as does any civilian student there. The colleges, which may best be compared to the "houses" of certain American universities,

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BOOK REVIEW

MEN OF WEST POINT: The First 150 Years of the United States Military Academy. By R. Ernest Dupuy, Colonel, USA, Ret. New York: William Sloane Associates, Inc. 486 Pages; Illustrated; Maps; Index; $5.00.

Reviewed by
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Editor, *Combat Forces Journal*

No one has ever expressed the spirit of West Point more fully and clearly than Colonel Dupuy. In this his second book about our Academy he has given us indeed a fitting volume to commemorate its first hundred and fifty years. Something we have never had in such detail before, *Men of West Point* shows the broad and effective contribution of our graduates to the national development by presenting their accomplishments against the nation's history.

Colonel Dupuy opens his book with a beautifully done interpretation of West Point as a place of intense human hopes and activity in a natural setting which has, from the beginning of the Academy, seemed precisely to fit all that goes on within its bounds. He finds and explains the common ideals and goals of West Point's widely differing figures—the now-famous former Cadets who came from all sorts of surroundings.

Then, beginning with Dennis Mahon and Sylvanus Thayer, his book moves on through times of war and peace to our own day of MacArthur, Eisenhower and Bradley, placing nearly five hundred graduates in their particular niches of fame. Some can have but brief mention; others—the Grants, the Lees, the Pershings—according to the relative duration and extent of their contributions to history, receive more paragraphs and pages in the record.

The quality of Colonel Dupuy's work most to be admired is that he has created this record without building a mere catalog of military characters. *Men of West Point* is a fluent narrative, moving steadily and readably from war through war, and never neglecting the broad accomplishments of peace. The many characters of the profound and moving story (including not a few "characters" in our more recent sense of the word)—all step into the long, gray tale, as Colonel Dupuy recounts it, in their proper turns with never a break in its cadence. The Point marches on, now at attention, now at route step, now deployed in extended order ready for battle, its blank files filling with new men of leadership as the old ones pass—the length and strength of its columns increasing as the nation and its world responsibilities grow!

And Colonel Dupuy tells us our story in terms of the greater among us without ever permitting a touch of complacency or smugness to mar it. Though his book concerns West Point and places chief emphasis upon the men of our history who marched each June to Trophy Point to receive their diplomas, it unfailingly gives full credit to those of our great military leaders who did not happen ever to move in close formation across the Plain. And in one of his useful tables at the end of the book he sets forth clearly the relative contributions of graduate and non-graduate in our several wars —a numerical outline of the story of a mass military cooperation and teamwork which we can ever view with warmth of heart.

Perhaps the most appropriate close to this review can be put in Colonel Dupuy's own words from a place early in his book. After quoting General MacArthur's tribute to West Point (in which the General refers to similar tributes from distinguished non-graduate leaders, such as Winfield Scott, Andrew Jackson, Theodore Roosevelt, and Leonard Wood) Colonel Dupuy then gives his own fixed opinion, which surely deserves to be placed alongside that of Winfield Scott:

"From my own thirty years of experience in this man's Army, during which I have served with, under and over a number of West Point graduates, I would put it bluntly:—

"Give a West Pointer a job to do, and when he comes back he has the package with him, neatly wrapped up.

"This of course is but one man's opinion. But let's look at the record."

He has looked at the record long and well, and put the great substance of it into *Men of West Point*. The result is a book of deepest interest to us all. But even more, it is a book in which the citizen who does know the meaning and the record of West Point can find it as we would hope that all could know it.

Association of Graduates Essay Contest

During the winter just past the Association of Graduates sponsored its third annual cadet essay contest featuring outstanding Military Academy graduates. The contest was announced to the Corps of Cadets through the POINTER, whose editor, Cadet J. F. Bart, Class of 1952, also served as one of the judges. During the evening meal in Washington Hall on March 12, Cadet Bart stepped up to the microphone following the publication of orders and announced the outcome of the competition. The three winners, each of whom received a check for fifty dollars from the Association of Graduates, were Cadets Edmund R. Thompson, Walter F. Ulmer, Jr., and James W. Wensyel, all of the Class of 1952. As their names were read out, each was handed his check by Colonel John A. McComsey, Secretary of the Association of Graduates.

On 31 October, 1951, Brigadier General Chauncey L. Fenton, President of the Association, wrote to Mr. Bart, requesting that the contest be announced in the POINTER. General Fenton's letter, setting forth the rules for the competition, was published in the November 16th issue of the POINTER, thus allowing two and a half months for the preparation of the essays, which were to be submitted on February 1, 1952. General Fenton stated in his letter that the purpose of the contest was to "arouse the interest of present-day cadets in those 'Sons of an earlier day' who have so inspiringly exemplified the ideals of West Point" Each essay was to be a character sketch of a deceased graduate who, by an outstanding exploit or exploits, demonstrated to an unusual and inspiring degree those traits of character inculcated at West Point. The four factors on which the articles were to be judged were: (1) literary quality; (2) reader interest; (3) extent to which the subject's accomplishments are shown to stem from elements of character development stressed at West Point; (4) historical soundness.

Two of the winning authors in this year's contest had played prominent roles in the previous competition. Cadet Edmund R. Thompson, who this year wrote *War Is Hell*, a character sketch of William T. Sherman, had also been a winner last year with his article entitled: *George Sykes, Professional Soldier*. Cadet Ulmer last year received a letter of honorable mention for his excellent essay on Jacob Whitman Bailey. This year Mr. Ulmer's *Sam Grant: A Soldier* clearly placed him among the three winners. Cadet Wensyel, a newcomer in the contest this year, gained his award with the essay *Lee's Right Arm*, a study of the life of "Stonewall" Jackson. The three winning articles will be published in the POINTER during the spring.

Judges for the contest, in addition to Cadet Bart, were: Colonel Charles P. Nicholas, Department of Mathematics; Colonel Cecil E. Spann, Jr., Department of Military Art and Engineering; Colonel Walter J. Renfroe, Jr., Department of Foreign Languages; and Captain John C. Bennett, Department of English.

—*Colonel Walter J. Renfroe, Jr.*,
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Sesquicentennial Medallions

The West Point Exchange has on hand a stock of two-inch Sesquicentennial medallions and can fill orders immediately. The price of medallion is $2.00, which includes postage, and shipment can be made at once on receipt of a check made payable to the West Point Exchange.

The three-inch Sesquicentennial Medallion is sold by the Association of Graduates, at a cost of $3.00. It may be obtained by mail addressed to the Secretary, Association of Graduates. The cost of $3.00 includes postage.

West Pointers At Oxford

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do not represent special educational fields. Rather, the college forms the background for the student's daily life, somewhat as does the cadet company at West Point. Each college has its own tutorial staff and is in general a self-contained unit. The course of study followed by the Rhodes Scholar may be any one of many available to Oxford students. Most Military Academy graduates have concentrated on a course, or "school", entitled *Politics, Philosophy and Economics*, within which some have specialized in politics, others in economics. Three West Pointers have studied modern languages, and three have studied physics. The work done at the unversity is of a very individual type, characteristic of Oxford and Cambridge. Much of the time spent by the student is devoted to individual directed reading. He attends lectures and writes papers which he then discusses with his assigned tutor. At the end of his course he takes a series of comprehensive examinations in his chosen field, and the success of his study depends solely on the outcome of these examinations. The Oxford degree is normally the Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science. The BA Oxon and BS Oxon degrees represent considerably more work, and of a higher standard, than their American counterparts. The Master's degree is obtained by first achieving the BA or BS degree and then remaining on the books of the University authorities, a purely administrative matter, for a certain number of years after the Bachelor's degree is awarded. The Bachelor's degree is given in two categories, "Pass" or "Honour". The student, on matriculating, selects the category for which he will strive, the content of the courses and the level of achievement required being very different for the two degrees. All Rhodes Scholars are expected to "read" for the Honours degree in the particular school of study which they select. Based on the examina-

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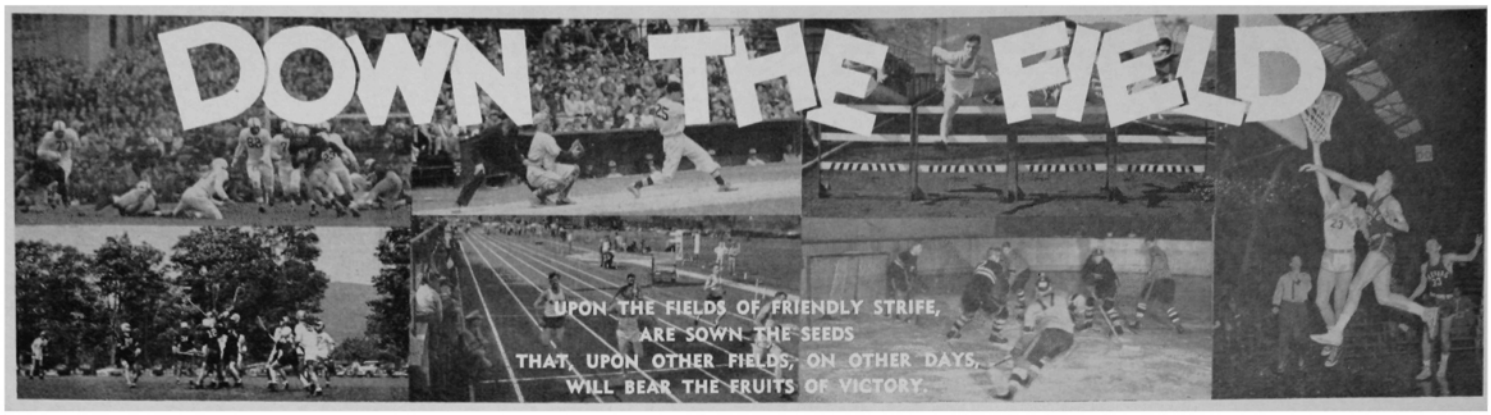


By Joe Cahill

Though a decided success, the winter sports season followed much the same pattern as the one designed last fall. Then as now, the major sports had troublesome going, as the minor teams took up the slack. while football fell far off its normal pace, soccer and cross country turned in banner seasons. Only track, of the major three in winter, was able to hold its own this year, as basketball and hockey bore the same stamp of mediocrity.

Despite the noticeable shortcomings in some phases, the over-all record rates among the finest of winter campaigns on the Plain. Victories were racked up in 58 of 103 contests. One squad went through undefeated; three were only one-time losers. Two team and fifteen individual titles were wrested. Finally, in the all-important tests with Navy, the Cadets prevailed in four of six skirmishes.

The most interesting squad of the indoor season has to be Coach Tom Maloney's gymnasts. Undefeated in twenty-four straight meets since 1949, the tumblers have won the Eastern team diadem the last three years running. Rated among the foremost instructors in the intercollegiate ranks, Maloney has developed a winning complex among the Cadets. He is four short of tying the mark of twenty-eight straight compiled by his teams here from 1931 through 1936. However, this is the first time he has boasted five champions, four Eastern and one National, in a single season. John Claybrook, who tied teammate John Ballantyne for the Eastern rope climb crown, went on to win the Nationals in a record-breaking 3.5 seconds. Jack Kleberg, flying rings, and Bob Wheeler, side horse, were the other Eastern winners. Both, incidentally, placed second in the Nationals.

Coach Carl Crowell enjoyed a successful debut in indoor track. The former Tennessee mentor saw the thinclads repeat as Heptagonal team champions. As has been the custom the past two years, Dick Shea again dominated the college field over the mile and double mile distances. The barrel-chested ex-GI galloped to convincing victories in the IC4A two mile and Heptagonal mile. He was clocked in 9:11.0 and 4:15.6, respectively, for the two championship performances. Though plagued by some tough luck in the IC4A high hurdles finals when he tripped over the last barrier after leading the field all the way down the stretch, Larry Johnson proved his class in the Heps by scoring a decisive 0:07.5 victory. Joe Perlow surprised everyone, including himself, by clearing 13 feet, 6 inches, to win the IC4A meet.

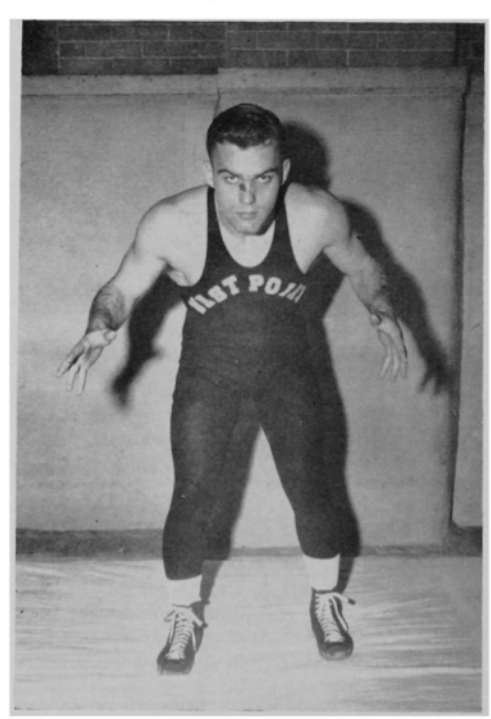
The boxing team finished in the runner-up slot in the Eastern Intercollegiate tournament at Penn State. The Cadets brought back three titles and the outstanding boxer's award. Captain Jim McInerney, who successfully defended the light heavyweight championship, was awarded the trophy symbolic of the most outstanding boxer "whose skill, sportsmanship, and conduct perpetuates the finest in collegiate boxing." He is the third cadet to be so honored in the seven year history of the award. Carl Crews and Jerry Hughes, a pair of yearlings, won the 156 and 165 pound titles in this, their first year of college competition.

Al Paulekas, captain-elect of the football squad, became the sixth Cadet ever to win a wrestling title. A squat, powerfully built athlete, he outclassed the field in the 177 pound class.

The squash team rates a big salute after having its best year since the sport was added to the Intercollegiate agenda in 1948. The record of 10 and 1 is phenomenal and only Harvard's National champions could turn the tide in an otherwise great season. Coach Leif Nordlie managed to keep his record clean of never having lost to Navy in a squash match.

Rifle, likewise, came in for some recognition. The range masters extended a victory skein to twelve straight over the past two years before losing the last match of the season to Maryland and M.I.T. in a triangular affair that found only four points separating the three teams.

Baseball and lacrosse have both opened competition at this writing, while golf, tennis, and track are still in the process of preparing the season's play. 105 contests are scheduled. For the first time in sixty-two years, the baseball team is slated to hook up in doubleheaders. Three such engagements with Harvard, Yale and Brown are booked in conjunction with the Eastern Intercollegiate Baseball League. Highlight of the home schedule is the annual visit of the New York Giants on April 14th. Other features here include the Heptagonal track and field games on May 17th, and the traditional Army-Navy competitions in tennis and lacrosse on May 24th.



Cadet Alfred Paulekas—Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Champion.

The return of five regulars elevates Coach Morris Touchstone's hopes for another successful campaign in lacrosse. Co-titlists with Princeton in '51, the principal problem this year is to mold a defense. The first six defensemen graduated, including Bruno Giordano and Dan Foldberg, a pair of all-Americans. The nucleus of regulars returning includes Captain Joe Austin and Al Lorenzen, on the attack, Ralph Cline and Louis Friedersdorff, midfield, and Jack Johnson, goalie.

Carney Laslie, one of the most highly regarded line coaches in the Nation, joined the Army football staff in time for spring practice.

Top assistant to Paul Bryant at Kentucky the past six seasons, Laslie contributed to the Wildcats' meteoric rise to National gridiron prominence. In 1949 and 1950 the Kentucky lines under Laslie ranked one-two in defensive play.

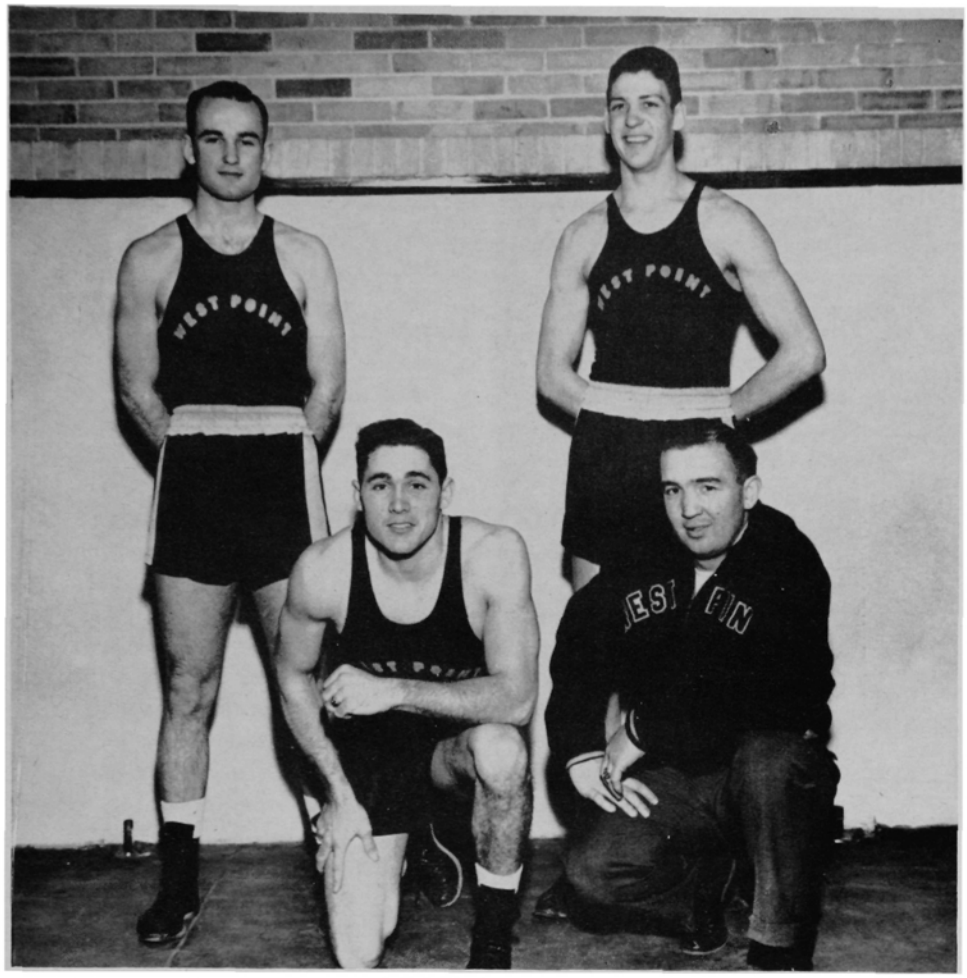
Laslie broke into the coaching ranks after graduating from Alabama in 1933. A star tackle for the Crimson Tide for three years, he stayed on as an assistant to Frank Thomas for one season.

He then returned to his home town to guide Blytheville (Ark) High School to three consecutive undefeated seasons. In 1937 he took over the line coach assignment at Virginia Military Institute where he served until entering the Navy shortly after Pearl Harbor. While in service he was assigned to the coaching staff of the North Carolina Pre-Flight squad for the 1945 season.

In 1946 he joined Bryant at Maryland. Laslie replaces Murray Warmath, new head mentor at Mississippi State.

Bill Hannon, a 6 foot 3 inch yearling from Westville, Indiana, either broke or tied all the individual basketball scoring records for Army here this winter. His 36 points against Brown tied John Nance's mark set for one game against Pennsylvania in 1946. Hannon's 277 points for the season was four better than the former high for one season established by Dale Hall in 1944. Though the Cadets won only 8 of 17 games, Hannon managed to lead the Nation in rebounds with 20.9 average for the season. He was somewhat rewarded for his efforts by being elected captain of the '52-'53 quintet.

In addition to Bill Hannon, basketball captain, other new winter leaders include Jim McGee, boxing; Cliff Landry, fencing; George Haas, gymnastics; Gil Volker, rifle; Cliff Worthy, squash; and Robert Karns, wrestling.



BOXING CHAMPIONS

Left to right: Cadet Jim McInerney, 178 lbs.; Carl Crews, 156 lbs.; Jerry Hughes, 165 lbs. and Coach Herb Kroeten. Cadet McInerney was also awarded the trophy symbolic of the most outstanding boxer "whose skill, sportsmanship, and conduct perpetuates the finest in collegiate boxing"

GYMNASTIC CHAMPIONS

Left to right: Cadet John Ballantyne, rope climb; Cadet Bob Wheeler, side horse; Cadet Jack Kleberg, flying rings; and Cadet John Claybrook, rope climb, shown with Coach Tom Maloney. The trophy symbolizes the Eastern Intercollegiate League Championship, which Army has won the last three years consecutively.

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tions, the achievement of the student is rated for the Honours degree as being in a certain class: first, second, third, fourth, or fail. Very few Americans achieve first classes in Honour schools. Rhodes Scholars from West Point generally achieve second or third classes in the Honours degree.

The informal life which the Rhodes Scholar enjoys is one of the most beneficial aspects of his stay at Oxford. He has the opportunity to mix freely with his contemporaries--British, American, and Commonwealth—and to learn their national points of view and general outlook on life, an experience which is invaluable later in his career, when he will undoubtedly be called on to work on matters of international military cooperation. In athletics, too, the West Point Rhodes Scholars have usually taken full advantage of the opportunities offered, playing on their college teams in such sports as rugby, lacrosse, soccer, rowing, track and field, and basketball.

For administrative purposes the Army or Air Force officer Rhodes Scholar is placed under the jurisdiction of the Army or Air Force Attaché in London. From a practical viewpoint, however, his time is his own, and he is expected to devote all of it to his study and to the normal social and athletic activities connected with university life. During the vacation periods, which at Oxford, as at most European universities, are quite long and frequent, the Rhodes Scholars have the opportunity of traveling in the British Isles and on the Continent. They have made the maximum use of these opportunities for broadening their cultural and educational background. In several cases before World War II, West Point Rhodes Scholars spent vacation periods on temporary tours of duty with the British, French, German or Spanish armies. Because of the quantity of material he must study, the Rhodes Scholar continues his reading and essay writing during these vacation periods.

The wisdom of the liberal policy adopted by the Departments of the Army and the Air Force in allowing young graduates to take advantage of this outstanding opportunity is demonstrated by the records which most of these men have made in the Armed Forces after their return from their study at Oxford. Several of these former Rhodes Scholars became general officers during or after World War II. Another of them is now playing an important role, in Europe, in connection with the military aid and NATO programs. One became the senior Armed Forces representative on the Staff of the Atomic Energy Commission.

Three officers of this group are presently stationed at the Military Academy. One of these, Colonel George A. Lincoln, a Brigadier General and Head of the Strategy and Policy Group of the Operations Division of the War Department during World War II, is Professor and deputy head of the Department of Social Sciences. Two of the most recent Rhodes Scholars, Captain Amos A. Jordan, Artillery, and Captain Wesley W. Posvar, Air Force, both of the Class of 1946, are serving as instructors in that same department. All three of these officers concentrated on the study of *Politics, Philosophy and Economics* during their stay at Oxford.

The policy of encouraging outstanding West Pointers to compete for Rhodes Scholarships serves not only to stimulate academic progress and accomplishment at the Military Academy, but also to demonstrate the efficiency of West Point academic standards and, in a broader sense, to benefit the Armed Forces directly by providing them with men of high caliber with unexcelled training and background in the fields of study undertaken at Oxford and in the fine art of international relations.

LAST ROLL CALL

Reports of deaths of graduates and former cadets received since the publication of the October 1951 Assembly.

Name	Class	Date	Place
Wilber E. Wilder	1877	January 30, 1952	Governors Island, N. Y.
John Millis	1881	March 20, 1952	Cleveland, Ohio
Harry H. Pattison	1893	October 4, 1951	Palo Alto, Calif.
Thomas H. R. McIntyre	Ex-1895	January 13, 1952	San Antonio, Tex.
John E. Hunt	Ex-1896	December 20, 1951	Chevy Chase, Md.
Fox Conner	1898	October 13, 1951	Washington, D. C.
Hector A. Robichon	1899	August 15, 1950	Huntington, N. Y.
George H. Baird	1901	November 13, 1951	Bennington, Vt.
William H. Cowles	1902	October 28, 1951	Washington, D. C.
Arthur E. Ahrends	1903	June 4, 1951	Palo Alto, Calif.
Stuart A. Howard	1903	November 22, 1951	Carmel, Calif.
William A. Dallam	1905	January 29, 1951	Sacramento, Calif.
Ben. W. Feild	1905	February 2, 1952	Los Angeles, Calif.
Clarence A. Mitchell	1905	December 22, 1951	San Francisco, Calif.
Frederick A. Prince	Ex-1907	September 3, 1951	W. Los Angeles, Calif.
Robert C. Cotton	1908	February 12, 1952	W. Los Angeles, Calif.
Charles A. Chapman	1910	January 27, 1952	Williamsburg, Va.
David McCoach, Jr.	1910	December 22, 1951	Washington, D. C.
Walter Moore	1910	January 15, 1952	San Antonio, Tex.
Allen R. Kimball	1911	December 6, 1951	Amsterdam, N. Y.
Samuel J. Heidner	1913	February 14, 1952	San Diego, Calif.
Clarence C. Benson	1914	October 7, 1951	Washington, D. C.
William E. Burr	1914	January 12, 1952	Glendale, Mo.
Donald Henley	1915	November 14, 1951	Ft. Sam Houston, Tex.
William E. Chambers	1916	February 11, 1952	Mexico
Thomas S. Sinkler	April, 1917	January 31, 1952	Charleston, S. C.
Thomas J. Heavey	August, 1917	November 23, 1951	Alexandria, Va.
Earl F. Knoob	August, 1917	November 10, 1951	San Francisco, Calif.
Walter T. O'Reilly	1919	January 26, 1952	Washington, D. C.
Sidney Ginsberg	1920	February 14, 1951	Los Angeles, Calif.
Edward J. Sullivan	1920	December 10, 1951	Du Bois, Pa.
Allen L. Keyes	1923	November 15, 1951	West Point, N. Y.
Fisher S. Blinn	1924	November 18, 1950	Portsmouth, Va.
Robert F. Tomlin	1928	December 23, 1951	Gainesville, Fla.
Jack G. Pitcher	1930	January 27, 1952	Ft. Myers, Fla.
James L. McGehee	1935	December 22, 1951	Washington, D. C.
Robert E. Applegate	1940	January 11, 1952	Washington, D. C.
Robert M. McComsey	Ex-1940	November 18, 1951	Washington, D. C.
Robert A. Mortland	1944	November 19, 1951	Edwards AFB, Calif.
Taylor K. Castlen	1945	September 26, 1950	Korea
Alfred H. Herman, II	1945	May 18, 1951	Korea
Kenneth W. Hughes	1946	August 1, 1951	Korea
Richard H. Mealor	1946	October 27, 1950	Korea
Carl P. Schmidt	1946	May 26, 1951	Korea
Donald W. Stewart, Jr.	1946	September 4, 1951	Newburyport, Mass.
Frank B. Tucker	1946	September 29, 1951	Korea
Earle L. Bathurst	1947	March 11, 1952	Ft. George G. Meade, Md.
Frederick G. Hudson, III	1947	November 27, 1950	Korea
Charles E. Coons	1948	May 19, 1951	Korea
William D. Bush, Jr.	1949	March 26, 1951	Korea
Leslie W. Kirkpatrick	1949	November 5, 1950	Tokyo, Japan
Warner T. Bonfoey	1950	October 29, 1951	Korea
Frank P. Christensen, Jr.	1950	February 13, 1951	Korea
Robert F. Flinn	1950	October 9, 1951	Tokyo, Japan
Elliott R. Knott	1950	December 12, 1951	Honshu, Japan
James D. Michel	1950	March 26, 1951	Korea
Peter H. Monfore	1950	September 19, 1951	Korea

New Members

We welcome to our membership 7 graduates and ex-cadets who have recently joined the Association. The total number of members is now 11,649.

90.5% 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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1895

An interesting report from Darrah, in New York, covers his trip—and a gratifying experience—in representing the Class at the unveiling of the Lee portrait in the Library at West Point January 19. Mrs. Darrah accompanied him. Thank you, Darrah.

Pearce and Bolles, San Antonio, are of the some ninety-four old and young grads who dined at the West Point dinner at Fort Sam Houston Officers' Open Mess, March 14.

In a letter to Miles, in Orlando, in January, Mrs. Charles, in Seattle, writes of Oscar J. as being very much better, and of herself as better but not yet up to strength; in their "from sick in hospital to duty" status. Thank you, Miles and Mrs. Charles.

Also, since the January report, Nuttman has written from Washington, Bash from Palo Alto and Herron from Long Beach; while Cavenaugh has thoughtfully accounted for himself in Winter Park; all contributing materially to a healthy mailing list, and appreciated accordingly.

Fort Sam Houston, Texas—repeat—Fort Sam Houston at 450 Graham Road: Operation "Change of Station" for the Class Reporter and Mrs. Watson; the Connecticut Avenue apartment in Washington having been dismantled in February for the transfer.

—*F. B. W.*

1898

As of this date, February 13, 1952, my records show twenty members of the Class of 59 graduated in '98 still living. In the fall of 1951, however, three passed away, William Wooten, Fox Conner and Lytle Brown. Two of these, Brown and Wooten, were the only members of the Class to be elected president of the Class. Wooten was elected the first year and Brown for the next two years and four months.

According to my records the twenty still living are:

Bradford, Col. James H., (0611), c/o Hancock Bank, Gulfport, Miss.

Bricker, Brig. Gen. Edwin D., (0599), 3084 Lowell St., N.W., Washington, D. C.

Brown, Col. Earl I., (0589), Southport, N. C.

Cole, Maj. Gen. William E., (0593), 2555 Waterside Dr., N.W., Washington, D. C.

Exton, Col. C. W., (0604), 3126 Dumbarton Ave., N.W., Washington, D. C.

Fries, Maj. Gen. Amos A., (062), 3305 Woodley Rd., N.W., Washington, D. C.

Gohn, Col. Joseph, Grosse Isle Parkway, Grosse Isle, Michigan.

Gowen, Brig. Gen. James B., (0597), 1706 N. Troy St., Arlington, Va.

Henry, Maj. Gen. Guy V., (0605), 6 Kennedy Drive, Kenwood, D. C.

Humphrey, Col. Chauncey B., (0607), Montauk Highway, East Patchogue, N. Y.

Johnson, Brig. Gen. J. C., (0596), 6301 Delaware St., Chevy Chase, Md.

Maginnis, Maj. Thomas F., (013917), Box 531 Pleasonton, Calif.

McCloskey, Brig. Gen. Manus, (0260), 181 Sheridan Rd., Winnetka, Ill.

Miller, Col. Harvey W., (0598), 211 Catherine St., Syracuse, N. Y.

Nugent, Brig. Gen. George A., (0591), RFD 1, Old Lyme, Conn.

Otwell, Col. Curtis W., (0592), 14444 Magnolia Blvd., Van Nuys, Calif.

Scott, Brig Gen. Ernest D., (0353), 6776 Indian Creek Dr., Miami Beach, Florida.

Smith, Col. Clarke S., (0686), 1717 Virginia Rd., Los Angeles, Calif.

Stone, Maj. Gen. David L., (0613), Thornewood, RFD 10, Box 806, Tacoma, Washington.

Welborn, Col. Ira C. (0603), c/o General Delivery, Gulfport, Miss.

While going over some old records I found one of several years ago in which I made the statement that there had been no deaths for four or five years. Now, however, they are occurring three or more per year, and will continue at that rate until we are all gathered in.

The Class has made a record to be proud of. As far as it appears from Washington, D. C. to us, it seems that the longevity record is a race between Bricker, Jap Johnson and Dad Scott. Scott should have the edge, living as he does on his acre of ground just north of Miami, where he says he putters around in the sunshine of glorious southern Florida.

Fox Conner was very much interested and apparently concerned as to whether, as the Class Representative, I might not have sufficient funds to send wreaths, etc. I might say for the benefit of all that I have about $95.00 of class funds on hand. The irony of that seems to be that when Fox passed away I was ill myself in Walter Reed and was not told of his death. My family, however, saw that flowers were sent in the name of the Class. Fox was cremated and his ashes will be spread from an airplane by Mrs. Conner over the wild acres in New York where he spent so many happy hunting hours.

Mrs. Conner has written a book titled "What Dad Forbad". It is very interestingly written and contains a great many items that are of interest to all present officers, and especially to the Class of '98. To the numerous friends of Fox Conner it should be extremely interesting. The price of the book is $3.50.

I hear from most of the Class at intervals throughout each year. Among those of whom I have almost no information are Welborn, Maginnis and Joe Gohn. Stone, of whom I heard almost nothing for years, visited me while in the hospital last September. He is now living in Tacoma, Washington, RFD No. 10, Box 806, according to my records.

There is not much news about the Class. Probably the most news would be about the activities of their sons and daughters and their families, if I knew it, which I don't.

My grandson, Frederic A. Henney, graduated from West Point in 1951 and drew the Air Force. He is now stationed in Texas—the first stop on the way to Korea.

My own son, Stuart G. Fries, Class of 1935, who commanded a special battalion of tanks in World War II in France and Germany, is now considered an expert in tanks and has to make frequent visits to Detroit and Cleveland on the business of building modern tanks. He is now a Lieutenant Colonel in the General Staff and is stationed here in Washington.

I would be very glad to get any news of the activities of the other classmates and of their sons and daughters.

Cordially and sincerely,

—*Fries.*

1899

In January, the Class had its first official activity for several years, in that it participated in the unveiling at West Point of a portrait of General Robert E. Lee, to hang

in the Library beside that of General Grant. The event was momentous, for it is the first time a portrait of a graduate in Confederate uniform has been hung at the Academy. The portrait is striking and arresting, in that the artist has attempted to show the agony of the South in Lee's worn and haggard countenance, as it was at Appomattox, and in this has well succeeded. '81 was the earliest class represented and between that and '99 were many gaps!

Eph Peyton's widow, Betty, has come to Washington to live, and is at 2153 California Street. Brown, W. S. writes that he has seven children, nine grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren and a miraculous cleaning fluid for automobiles. Lena Clark has the misfortune to be laid up with a broken ankle. She and H. B. have been around again—this time to Hawaii, Japan and the Philippines. McClure writes from El Paso that he is taking steps to replace his class ring, which he seems to have lost much later in life than most of us. But he still has a class cane—probably the only one now in existence! Moseley will probably be at West Point in June, as he has a grandson in the graduating class. The congratulations of '99 to you, George! Sep Humphrey, and we hope others, will be there. Jimmie Woodruff's fine boy does well in the business career upon which he embarked after the last war and has gone to South America as Vice-President of Sears-Roebuck in Colombia. Bill Kelly, after a winter in San Diego, is on his way back to Buffalo and the Schulls are driving from Carmel, Calif. to Jacksonville, Florida, for a visit with Herman, Jr., who is District Engineer there. Tug Harris has recently been circulating in San Francisco. Guests at the February class luncheon in Washington were Connor, W. D., Hughes and Ferguson, H. B. of '97.

—*C. D. H.*

1901

The Round Table had the pleasure of Pat Newman's company for over a month. He was in Washington while his wife was on a visit in California. We hope he will soon return, for he always brings good cheer with him.

Another most welcome participant at one of our meetings was Dutch Roth, who can sound off his inimitable epic poetry as well as he did as a plebe. He has a grandson at the Academy and hopes that the young man will go a long way toward balancing the Roth scales at West Point. The young man will have the fine character and good humor of Dutch as a foundation upon which to work and no doubt will carry out his Granddad's wishes. Come more often Dutch.

Walter Smith is apparently lost in Europe as no one has heard from him. Shinkle would be considered in the same category if it were not for the fact we know Mrs. Shinkle is with him.

Beverly Browne and Elliott Dent are still in Florida, but we expect them back soon. Gene West once in a while brings us news of Johnny Pearson, it always gives us many chuckles. What we want however, is for him to jump in a plane and come in person.

Kent, West, Jordan, Willing and Beck still represent the Class as regulars at the Wednesday luncheons.

—*R. M. B., Jr.*

1902

We of the class of 1902, who enjoy the distinction of being the Centennial Class of the Academy, had our diplomas presented to us by one of the most distinguished and colorful Presidents of the United States, one Teddy Roosevelt. Although we were known at that time as the "Black Sheep" Class of the Academy, we have the honor of having attained the highest academic average of any class in the history of the Academy, namely 86.27.

Our modesty has kept us from making this fact known before now, but the various information being published in connection with the Sesquicentennial Celebration has inspired us to deny no longer to our fellow-graduates this important knowledge. Naturally, we feel very proud of that record and we are sure that our friends will forgive us, as we approach our Fiftieth Anniversary, if we seem to take pride in that accomplishment. Of the 54 classmates who graduated on June 12, 1902, only 26, less than half, are still answering the roll call. Bill Cowles' sudden death in October last was a great shock to the remaining members of the class.

The following notes have been gleaned from the class letters of December, 1951:

Abbot and his better half are planning to set out from their home in Randlett, Utah, the latter part of April on an extensive trip via various points in Texas, New Orleans, Alabama, Great Smoky Mountains National Park, through Georgia to northern Florida, thence north to the banks of the Hudson in time for the 50th Anniversary of the class in June. After the reunion they will turn towards home via Canada, the Great Lakes, Glacier National Park, Grand Coulee Dam, Seattle, thence to the cross-roads of the West and over the Divide and home.

Albert, in New York City, is rejoicing over the arrival of a third granddaughter.

Amerine, down in Montgomery, Ala., says he gets a great kick out of the annual class letters.

Frankie Bell, at the Army and Navy Club in Washington, is still the Associate Editor for Foreign Affairs for "The Military Engineer" and continues to make the annual report about military affairs for Colliers' Year Book. He reports Mrs. Bell's return from Europe after an absence of about a year and a half. A Christmas card from Mahaffey's daughter, with a brief reference to her father, led Bell to believe that good old "Mahaf" was still living but in bad health.

Sep Black, in Searsport, Maine, tells us of a fine weekend visit the Blacks had from G. H. and Elizabeth Stewart and Bill and Winifred Cowles. Sep hopes to be at West Point in June.

Hiram Cooper says he enjoyed seeing Johnnie Pegram and Gwen as they passed through Birmingham, Ala., homeward bound from Mexico.

Dinsmore, at Santa Ana, Calif., deplores the fact that he so seldom sees any of the members of 1902. He reports an enjoyable time with 1901 at their 50th anniversary last June but says he is afraid he cannot make it this June.

Sep Dockery still thinks that Carmel, Calif., is the garden spot of the earth. He writes that Mrs. Zane has rented her Carmel home and that she and her daughter, Josephine, after Zane's death, moved out to their ranch 30 miles from Carmel.

Sep Edwards says that "Mabs" has a flourishing art studio in Georgetown, while he spends most of his time in the Library of Congress.

Pat Foley reports from Tacoma, Wash., that Mrs. Foley was in Europe all last summer but returned in time for him to take off on his annual hunting expedition. He promises to be at West Point in June.

Frankenberger, in making his annual trip from San Diego, Calif., to Michigan City, Ind., to see his daughter and her family, stopped off several hours with Katie Morrison in Chicago and had a most pleasant visit with him. He also has our 50th anniversary on his schedule for June.

Franklin is enjoying life at Morristown, Tenn.

Griffith says that he and Kate and the Sterretts (his brother-in-law) had a wonderful two months trip (January 15-March 15) to Mexico and the Southwest and in October had another fine trip to Washington, D. C. and Pennsylvania, stopping by to see the gang in the Capital City.

"Runt" Hannum is serving in his eighth year now as a member of Governor Warren's cabinet. He hopes to be with us at West Point in June.

Johnnie Herr is justly proud of the fact that he has a grandson, Willard Holbrook, as a Plebe at West Point. One of his granddaughters, Joanne Holbrook, is a senior at Sweetbriar College and she is to be married after her graduation in June to Captain George S. Patton, Jr., U.S. Army. Johnnie is still working for the restoration of the Cavalry but he says his success is not very perceptible.

Hutzler hopes to attend the 50th Year class reunion to see how many of his old classmates he will recognize.

"Lengthy" Longley has sold his home in Maplewood, N. J., and, after a stay in Florida during the winter months, he and Dollie will decide where they want to live. He is hoping for a big turnout for our 50th reunion.

Billy McCain reports that he was in the hospital most of last summer with a complication of troubles, but that they haven't gotten his goat yet.

The "Beef" Millers have moved to Richmond, Va., and he says they like the city life much more than living on a farm this time of the year.

Troup Miller says the big news in his family was the promotion of Troup, Jr. in September last to the grade of Brigadier General, U.S. Air Force. Troup, Jr. is the Director of the Industrial Resources in the Materiel Division, U.S.A.F. Troup, Sr. reports that he and Rosa had a grand visit with their children and grandchildren in Alexandria and Arlington last October.

"Katie" Morrison writes us of an enjoyable visit from Frankenberger and tells us of attending a joint Naval Academy and Military Academy party in Chicago last September where he was the oldest graduate present. He heard a fine talk there by Chauncey Fenton of 1904.

"Fat" Rodney still maintains an office at Michigan State College, where he is enjoying life.

"Razzle Dazzle" Rozelle writes that he and his wife had lunch last May with Johnnie Pegram and Gwen at the Officers' Mess at Fort Sam Houston. He says that they discovered that the most outstanding feature about Pegram was his wife, whom they found to be most attractive and charming.

Gilbert Stewart and his wife, since last writing us, have had a wonderful trip to England and France. Upon their return they visited their daughter, Jane, in San Antonio. Last August after a trip to Cape Cod they came home by way of Searsport, Maine, where they spent a couple of days with Chauncey and Blanche Black.

Rigby Valliant is one of the Washington gang who enjoys meeting the various classmates who come to that city from time to time.

"Windy" Wilson and Eva are spending the winter at Fort Lauderdale, Fla., where they hope any classmates visiting Florida will come to see them. Last fall they had a nice visit with their children and grandchildren in Mobile and Marion, Ala.

—*T. M.*

1903

It is with the deepest regret that we record the death of three members of the class. Arthur Emmett "Egise" Ahrends passed on quietly to his fathers some months ago at

his home in Palo Alto, California. He had established an enviable place for himself there and he will be greatly missed. Corbit S. "Dutch" Hoffman had a long drawn out siege at Walter Reed Hospital where he was seen by many of the Class and where he kept up his courage and good humor much as usual. It was there that not long ago he passed away. Stuart A. Howard, although he had been able to keep up his golf almost to the last, passed on at his home at Pebble Beach, California, in November. He was buried at West Point. We can ill afford to lose such men.

It is an item of interest and probably of rarity that we have at West Point two representatives of the Class. Clifford Jones has a son who is a plebe and Willie Rose has a grandson who is a Second Classman. Good luck to them both.

Sep Winfree writes that he "beds" at dark, even as do the Seminoles, and rises when he gets good and ready. We congratulate the Winfrees on the expected arrival of a third grandchild. They have gone to Fort Knox for a visit and for the event.

"Puss" Farnum and his attractive wife have been making a visit to the National Capital. The following turned out a luncheon for him at the A. & N. Club:—Collins, Grant, Lynn, Preston, Schley and Cocheu. George and Emma Cocheu entertained them both at their Foxhall Road home, where they had members of the Class and their wives and also Clark Lynn's daughter, whose husband is in Korea as well as Rube Taylor's son, Tom, and his charming wife, Jane. There were also present old friends of the whole Class;—Mrs. Harry Grier, Mrs. John Milton, Mrs. Max Garber and her daughter, Jane.

George Lynch reports that he has a touch of the wanderlust, and has been visiting at Fort Benning, Fort McPherson and at Washington and New York. He thinks he may end up on some cruise.

Julian Schley and Denise have returned from Panama where Julian went to attend a board meeting of the Panama R.R.

We have heard from Ben Ristine recently. We know now that he has been occupying his time playing the ancient game of bowls.

Homer Preston has had a siege of it since he had an operation on his eye. Complications set in which took quite a while for the old scout to weather.

Mike Hinkle, Sherman Hoyt and "Wild Eye" Neal, each with his better half, met under the supervision of the Hinkles at The Holiday House at La Jolla recently. A new Brigadier General is officially reported with the Ground Forces of the Danish Army and also reported by Pope's daughter visiting in Copenhagen. His name is John Upham, Jr.

1904

Budd reports that his European trip was interrupted by a coronary occlusion which hospitalized him on 21 December, 1951, at Bremerhaven. This necessitated canceling his dedication of a monument to WW I and WW II war dead at Tannay, Ardennes, France—a town liberated by the 311th Infantry under Budd's command on 5 November 1918. The monument includes a bas-relief of Budd executed by the sculptor Firmin Michel. Later Budd was evacuated to the Naval Hospital, St. Albans, Queens, New York City, where he was when last heard from on 5 March 1952. He says that his recovery appears favorable and he hopes to be discharged soon although the doctors insist on rest and repose for the remainder of 1952. Budd says that at Bremerhaven he just missed seeing Bob Richardson, who is now in Paris with his son, an assistant air attache there.

Fenton was hospitalized at West Point last 24 November (what for he doesn't say); he broke out in December and after having been around for a month, went back in on 19 January. He was due to be discharged on 5 March and the doctors were predicting a complete recovery within a short time.

Moody is not working "somewhere in Indiana" as previously reported, but his address is Box 211, Westerville, Ohio. He says that he sees Brunzell, McKell and McIlroy now and then and that they appear to be in good shape.

Apparently, out-of-town classmates are remembering to time their visits to Washington so as to include there the first Thursday of a month in order to join the local classmates at the Army and Navy Club for luncheon. In January, Swift appeared with the latest news of the bunch in Texas. Palmer seemed as husky and peppy as ever in spite of the fact that shortly before, he had slipped on some ice and cracked a couple of ribs. In February, Phillipson was present, full of Botany Mills business as usual. Visits of this nature are unexpected pleasures and it is hoped that they will continue.

—*W. B.*

1905

In preparing Class Letter Number Fourteen, which will be in the hands of the printer by the time these notes are published, Colonel S. Field Dallam advised that his splendid fine brother Bill passed away January 29, 1951. Colonel Dallam has prepared a memorable tribute which has been sumitted to *Assembly*.

Charley Daly has received many congratulations on his well deserved selection to the National Football Hall of Fame. He very modestly asserts that whatever he did on the football field arose entirely from the teams on which he played.

Halsey Dunwoody is rightfully very proud and happy to have his son, Harold, Class of June 1943, at home after eighteen months in Korea, every moment on the front line. Harold received a battlefield promotion, the Distinguished Service Cross, Silver Star, Bronze Star and two Purple Hearts!! What a son!! His achievements are all the more noteworthy when you know that he has a game leg as the result of being badly wounded in the Battle of the Bulge in World War II.

Early in February I received an air mail letter from Pearl Feild informing me that her husband, Ben W. Feild, had passed away on February 2, 1952. Thus another of our number has joined the Long Gray Line "over the river". For the last two years Benny had completely lost his sight but you would hardly notice it as he would permit no one to do anything for him. Mrs. Feild's address is Malibu Lakeside, Agoura, California.

After nearly fifty-one years of service Ernest Graves was relieved from active duty in the Office of the Chief of Engineers and retired as a Colonel on February 29, 1952. Although he was one of the elder statesmen in the Class he is the last member of the Class to be relieved from active duty. Ernest, your classmates join in wishing you a long and happy retirement.

On the first of February Louis Kunzig retired from the State Civil Service as Business Manager of the Michigan Liquor Control Commission, after a tenure of about eight years.

Doc Lentz, who has been writing songs for many years, received national recognition when his "Sound Off" made the "Hit Parade" At present it is the theme song for the Chesterfield program on the radio. Doc shares his royalties with Willie Duckworth, a former soldier now living in Georgia. Doc's success in song writing was the subject of a two page headline story in the magazine section of the New York Daily News, Sunday, November 4, 1951, which has been reprinted in other papers across the country. Congratulations, Doc. More power and success to you!

Sherman Miles is still in the Massachusetts Legislature but he says this is his last round-up.

During the evening of December 22, 1951, while listening to the radio at home, Clarence Mitchell was seized with a heart attack and died a few hours later in Letterman General Hospital. Clarence's sudden passing was a great shock to all, and particularly so to me as I had received his questionnaire two days earlier with all entries filled out in his own handwriting. I feel deeply the great loss of a warm personal friend and a loyal and helpful classmate. His sister, Miss Florence Mitchell, remains at the home address, 310 25th Avenue, San Francisco 21, California. His son, Captain C. A. Mitchell, was on leave and at the Presidio when his father was taken ill.

Barzynski, Dunwoody, Lowe and Ramsey were seated near one another at the last Army-Navy game. It was good to see this group of old-timers.

Tom Spaulding was recently elected President of the Cosmos Club in Washington, D. C. This is a very high honor for a graduate of the Military Academy.

Weeks and wife have just returned to their new home in Bound Brook after a month's trip to the West Indies by air, spending about one week at each of the following islands: Puerto Rico, The Virgin Islands, Santo Domingo, Haiti and Jamaica.

The Class was represented at the Founders Day Celebration on March 16th by Curley, Doe, Lentz and Ramsey.

—*N. F. Ramsey.*

1906

The mountains are calling with their new leaves and their smell of Spring. We are tired of summer and the season's festivities here and will be among the rhododendrons when this comes to you.

Abe Abraham sold his house in St. Petersburg, Fla., and is now at 3801 Conn. Ave., Washington, D. C., a new member of the McFarland, Gillespie and Loughry monthly lunch at the A&N Club.

Dick Burleson from nearby Annapolis is wintering somewhere on the other coast of Florida.

Forrest and Frederika Williford dropped in here a few weeks ago with little Frederika and the grandson—a fine looking lad as ever I saw. And were they all proud! They had stopped and fished a bit with George and Christine Morrow at Daytona, or was it just a man's fishing affair while the girls shopped the waterfront?

When the Academy hung the portrait of General Lee in the Library on the other side of a window on the same wall, with the portrait of General Grant, so that all might see two of the grandest American soldiers at one glance, Jim Riley ably represented the Class of 1906, and no member is more fitted for the task by heredity, associations and sentiment. He reports that the affair was most impressive, and the portrait a wonderfully inspiring military presentation of that hero of the Lost Cause.

Jim and Gene were off in February for another visit to daughter Nanie and her husband Joe Anderson, Assistant Military Attache at Mexico City. They will stop here for a visit, arriving by S.S. *Silver Star* from Vera Cruz. We're fixin' to reckon a mite about you-all.

The last *Assembly* notes a long trip by Skinny DeArmond with Wilbourn, 1908, through the Rockies and the wide West.

Bob White saw Jim and Gene Riley as they passed through St. Louis, and Skinny Wainwright saw them going through San Antonio. The reports indicate that Bob has lost no poundage and Skinny has gained none.

Johnny Andrews, Frank's wife, sat beside me at a recent dinner at the Surf Club, where she was a guest of Maxwell, 1912. She was in fine spirits, stating that daughter, Josie, had remarried happily and was living in the Keys; daughter Jeanie's husband was moving up rapidly in the service and son Allen was comfortably occupied in business in Washington.

Mrs. L. P. Horsfall had lunch with Elizabeth and me at the Bath Club a little while ago. She has sold her house here and will be at the Groton Point home for this next summer.

All 1906 will be glad to hear that Fritz Mayer is being retained at West Point by presidential order until he finishes the great chapel organ. He was due for retirement this Spring.

—*Charles G. Mettler.*

1907

It was a great relief to us all to read the name of George Shedd, previously reported missing in action, on the list of POWs held by the Communists in Korea. Letters have been received from him assuring his family that he is well, and we hope and pray that it won't be too much longer before he and others with him will be released and returned home.

The Clyde Eastmans arrived in Claremont, California in December after a leisurely trip from Alexandria, Virginia. Enroute they spent a night with Sunny Jim Martin in Birmingham, Alabama, just missed Bob Arthur in New Orleans but found Chief Rice, Ray Hill and Bob Cheney in San Antonio bearing up well under the weight of their responsibilities. They also saw Marjorie Cruse there. Babe Chilton entertained them at luncheon in Mesilla Park, New Mexico, and they saw Pat Morrissey in Tucson. It was the first time Clyde had seen Pat since graduation. In Phoenix they called on Mildred Yount, who took them through Bart's Institute of Foreign Trade and showed them the city. Claremont is Dan'l Boone's home town now, and the Boones and Eastmans went over to Banning to see Eddie Householder and his charming bride. Eddie was with Monarch films for four years but is now busy remodeling his house and enjoying home life. Dan'l Boone and Tom Spencer were going down into Mexico and both had promised to see Pat Morrissey in Tucson. Clyde and Margaret visited Charley Wyman in Glendale and they all had dinner together in Los Angeles. Charley looked fine and seemed to be enjoying excellent health although he still has to be careful. A more recent letter reported that they had dinner at Carlsbad with the Daileys, the Pattens and the Dusenburys. Snapshots which Clyde sent along showed them all to be fit and prosperous. They had luncheon with Patsy and Marjorie O'Conner in Los Angeles and Jerry Taylor and his wife came in while they were there. The Eastmans expect to start home about the middle of April. We are grateful to Clyde for his interesting first hand reports of so many members of the class.

McNeil sent us a most interesting report of his trip abroad last October, but the limitations of space permit only brief mention of places visited. On the flight over he and his traveling companion stopped at the Azores and at Orly Field near Paris, landing at Rhein-Main airport near Frankfurt, Germany, where he was assigned an aide, a car and driver. They drove to Heidelberg, Darmstadt, Wiesbaden, Stuttgart, Munich, Salzburg and Berchtesgaden; traveled by train to Vienna and back to Salzburg and later flew over the Alps to Trieste and back to Munich and Garmisch. Berlin was next and then Paris and Orleans. In Paris Mac revisited his old stamping ground and saw many of his old friends. At every stop they were royally entertained, saw many points of interest and did a little shopping. From Paris they took off for home, returning by way of Iceland. Mac said it was a magnificent trip, and who will disagree? It must be great to be a VIP.

Skinny and Mildred MacLachlan are on the move again, this time going to Europe but they will be back in time for the reunion. They sold their house in Palo Alto and on the advice of their medico will look for a place to live in the foothills of California on their return. Mail address is RFD 3, Box 204, Vista, California.

Paul Larned took his daughter, whose husband is in Saranac with TB for six months, on a much needed trip for a little rest and recreation. They went to Miami and then to Havana to visit Paul's sister. It was Paul's first visit to Cuba since he landed there as a 2nd Lieutenant to join the 5th Infantry right after graduation. He left just a day ahead of the revolution. Paul saw Warren Lott and talked to Gallogly over the telephone in Miami. Jim was just out of the hospital after a minor operation.

Jim Steese, who had been traveling in the Near East, wrote from Istanbul that he was on his way to Piraeus, Izmir, Beirut, Damascus, Aleppo and Baghdad, but will be back in the States in time for the reunion. Jimmy certainly gets around.

We were shocked to learn of Pang Pierson's death on November 3, 1951. Paul received a note of appreciation from Mrs. Pierson for a memorial gift from the class to the Army Relief Society.

Dick Park was a guest at the February class luncheon while Winifred was in Walter Reed for observation.

Elsewhere in this issue there appears notice of the passing of Throop Wilder's father, General Wilber E. Wilder, Class of 1877, who was our oldest living graduate before his death. We remember him when we first joined our regiment at Stotsenburg as exemplifying the finest type of cavalry officer. We extend our sympathy to Throop and share his pride in his father's record.

Ben and Paul have the reunion situation well in hand. Paul reported that letters for the class book were coming in slowly as might be expected but that those who had responded thus far have certainly gone to town. Contributions have been most gratifying. Any classmate who has failed to respond to Paul's request for a letter by the time this is published should lose no more time in getting his letter in. We all want to know what the rest of the class is doing.

We will be looking forward to seeing you and the members of your family to start off the reunion here in Newburgh on Saturday, May 31. Don't disappoint us.

—*H. W. W.*

1908

The annual dinner took place at the Army and Navy Club on February 16th. While some of the exuberance of forty years ago is now missing, everyone appeared to have had a good time. Those present were: Burns, Chaney, Dougherty, Drennan, Edgerton, Ellis, Garrison, Hall, Hayes, Johnson, Kelley, Kennedy, O'Brien, Peterson, Schulz, Slaughter, Sturdevant and Terry. Chaney ended his duties as Class President at this dinner. Hall was detailed to take his place, and Hughes became Vice-President. Hall's address is 2129 Florida Avenue, N.W., Washington 8, D. C. Items for *Assembly* are very badly wanted. Contributors will be doing all their classmates a favor.

The class was saddened at the dinner by news of the death of Cotton on February 12th.

Curry is reported to be on a six-weeks' trip in Mexico. He left Denver on February 13th. Fletcher, when last reported, was in Rio de Janeiro to see the carnival. The press reports that the exchange rate turned against him on the Saturday before the carnival.

Hughes was absent from the class dinner, being en route to San Antonio. The class took advantage of his absence to draft him as Vice-President.

Bonesteel is still in the south, acting as escort to grandchildren. Sturdevant started on a trip to Missouri very soon after the class dinner.

—*C. L. H.*

1909

Mrs. Mary A. Hayes, mother of Phil, died at her home in Baltimore on 5 January. She is survived by her daughter, Miss Helen Hayes, with whom she had made her home. —Johanna Everts, daughter of "Kid", was married in January in San Francisco to Mr. Leslie F. Stone of that city.—Ed Marks left California in February for an overseas trip of several months, during which he expects to visit his son in Austria.—Homer R. Oldfield, Jr., son of our "Barney", has been appointed resident manager of the recently established General Electric Advanced Electronics Center at Cornell University. As a Coast Artillery and an Air Force officer in World War II, he was intimately identified with the development of fire control radar. —"Mathy" Beere reported by air mail in January. He is living in Mexico City but his forwarding address remains as before. —Eleanor Erlenkotter reported as follows, as of last December, on their three sons, all graduates of West Point: "Bob is the District Engineer in Savannah, building the Clark Hill and other dams. His work occasionally takes him to Clemson, S. C., where Dick is attached to the college as Engineer Instructor. Dave is in Washington, D. C., continuing with his study of the Chinese language. Bob has a boy, 13½, and a girl, 10. Dick has three girls, aged 6, 4, and nearly 2 years. * * * Best wishes for 1952".—We are indebted to Sunny Ord for the following news of classmates in the Washington area. Claude Thummel had the whole available class group to a luncheon on 8 March at his new home in McLean, Va. Claude's daughter, Mrs. Edith Burton (now with NPA) put on the lunch and "it was tops".—Jim Walsh has been in Walter Reed for a check-up.—Ted Chase, cheerful as ever, says he acquires another Income Tax exemption this year.—"Sophie" Mountford "looks fine and young" Their two daughters, both married in the Army, have made Monty a grandpappy six times.—Tups and Jessie Stearns are wintering at Las Cruces, N. M.—Red Gee was visiting one of his married children.—The R. D. Johnsons "look very well". Their five children are dispersed from California to Germany.—Jake Devers, returned from India and Pakistan, is back as Technical Advisor to Fairchild Engineering Corporation. His daughter, wife of Colonel Alex Graham, is running the Red Cross motor pool in Tokyo.—Tom Milling looking fine but mad at politicians. —Tom Catron abroad on business for McCormick Company of Baltimore.—Stokely wrote from his farm that he has to stay home to feed his Angus Aberdeens.—Carl Baehr is well; one daughter at home and one in Germany with her husband.—Ying Wen is still in Washington. Three of his sons are in the United States; one in Shanghai; one on Formosa; one in Costa

Rica.—Of the Ords, Garry, Jr., with the Air Force in Tokyo; Marian a senior in Trinity College; Fred a high school sophomore. Sunny and Irene are trying to figure a way to go to Europe this summer.—Stanley Rumbough represented our class at the presentation of the portrait of Robert E. Lee in the West Point Library on 19 January.

—*G. L. V. D.*

1910

It is with great regret that I must report the deaths of three of our beloved classmates. Dave McCoach died at Walter Reed Army Hospital on December 15, 1951, after an illness of only a few weeks. Funeral services were held at the Fort Myer Chapel and burial took place in Arlington National Cemetery. Among the honorary pallbearers were high representatives of the government in the District of Columbia, the Army and the Class of 1910. Dave is survived by his wife, Mrs. Anna B. McCoach, Wardman Park Hotel, Washington, D. C., a son Colonel David McCoach, III, U.S. Army, and two sisters, Mrs. C. K. Madera of Philadelphia and Mrs. Mable B. Monahan of Lebanon, Penn. Jerry Moore died at Brooke Army Hospital, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, January 15, 1952. Funeral services and burial were in San Antonio. Surviving Jerry are: his widow, Mrs. Rhoda E. Moore, 110 Greenwich Boulevard, San Antonio, a daughter, Mrs. Marjorie M. Knapp, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and a son, Lieutenant Raymond T. Moore, U.S. Army, Fort Sam Houston. Charlie Chapman passed on at his home in Williamsburg, Va., January 27, 1952. His funeral services were held at the Fort Myer Chapel and burial was in Arlington National Cemetery. The classmates in Washington were the honorary pallbearers. Chappy is survived by his wife, Mrs. Hortense Chapman, 604 Pollard Park, Williamsburg and her five children, among whom is Captain Erwin R. Brigham, U.S. Army, who married Rex Cocroft's daughter, Phyllis.

I am happy to report the recent arrival of two class granddaughters, Nancy Lewis Mills born to Bo Lewis' daughter, Nancy; and Katherine Adams Taylor, Pappy Selleck's grandchild, born to his daughter, Jo Anne.

In Corpus Christi, Texas on March the 15th Herb Odell's daughter, Jane Gray, was married to Mr. James William Davis.

A cheerful letter came in from Martin Ray the other day. He is living now at 39 Rodney Road, Glen Rock, N. J. Two of his sons are serving in the Far East Command and another expects to be there soon. Jack and Ella Heard have been at the Presidio of San Francisco for the past winter. They plan a visit to Clearwater, Florida in the spring, then to Silver Lake, New Hampshire, for the coming summer. Jack reported a fine luncheon with Kenneth Harmon, our only other classmate in San Francisco, who, like Jack, has itching feet and travels considerably.

Durward and Olive Wilson had a wonderful time at the unveiling of General Robert E. Lee's portrait in the Library at West Point on January 19th. Durward was our Class Representative on this occasion. He says that the ceremony was most appropriate and thrilling. It was followed by a delicious buffet supper at the West Point Mess.

—*R. H. D.*

1911

Members of the class were shocked to learn of the sudden death of Allen Kimball at Amsterdam last December. Up to a few hours before, he had been his usual busy self, with no inkling of anything wrong. A sudden heart attack brought the end quickly. We extend to his widow, Edna, our deepest sympathy.

Franklin Kemble has been designated as the Second Army Area representative and has reported that our Godson, Franklin, Jr. is now a Colonel and is the proud father of an eighteen month's old daughter.

Betcher sent in a letter from Curt Nance saying that he had retired on January 31st and has a home at 1659 32nd Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. Curt represented 1911 at the unveiling of the Lee portrait at West Point on January 19th.

Psi Holland reports that he has three granddaughters but no grandson so far.

News from Mrs. Bob Gray says that Bob has been quite ill for nearly two years. They have been in Lake Worth, Florida since December 15th.

Hub Stanton, just returned from an extended tour in Mexico, announced that the Reinecke Memorial plaque has been installed beside the west sally port of Central Barracks. Details will be given in a class bulletin.

Chink Hall reported to Hub that he is making a good recovery and is able to do about everything he ever did except fly.

A letter to Jim Mooney from Bill Morris states that he is retiring for age on 31 March and will live at 3901 Connecticut Ave., Washington. So far, he hasn't called upon his Excellency, the Ambassador Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Costa Rica, our number one boy, Philip Fleming.

There were only three present at the last class luncheon, Bluntie, Curt Nance and Jim.

Polly and Bluntie have a new home at 400 Battery Lane, Bethesda, Md.

Lorrain and Karl Bradford are all pepped up after visiting the younger generation in Sarasota.

John Hatch, executive vice-president of the San Antonio Safety Council, reports that Betsy McKinney Woods, daughter of Katherine and Fish McKinney and her eight month's old daughter, joined her husband in Germany in December.

John and Helen enjoyed a visit from their son, Lt. Col. McGlachlin Hatch, who has recently returned from Japan and Korea. The Lt. Col. promotion came via the battlefield. Class pride in one of our sons just wouldn't let me omit that.

Phil Coldwell was seen at the New Year's Reception at Fort Sam.

Nick is still going strong in the West. He sent letters from Ballinger, Hardy, McCleary and Simpson—most interesting. I also had a fine letter from Pink. I am delighted to report that Bethel and Pink are decidedly on the mend in their health. The peninsular contingent, besides Nick, consisting of Cowles, Ladd, Bagby, Lockwood and Weaver and families were together for snorts, dinner and bingo at the Presidio Club on the 24th of February.

Congratulations to the Lockwoods and daughter, Cherry, on her recovery from a serious operation.

I am sure you will all join me in congratulations to Dave Cowles on the Legion of Merit, awarded last fall.

On a tour to Florida to visit Tod and Dot Larned, Gus and Mike Franke stopped to see the Walls in Camden, S. C., the Crawfords in Auburn, Ala. and while in St. Petersburg, saw the Calverts. The Frankes and Larneds went to Sarasota and had lunch with the Bob Clarks.

Tod reports that he, Jack Kutz and Jay Calvert attended the W.P. dinner in Miami. Jay was elected vice-president for next year.

Louis Orrell and I represented the class at the W.P. dinner at Bragg.

Thanks, Howell, for your note of praise. The new area representative system certainly is bringing in the news, but as intimated in the last report, I am not clever enough to get more than a fraction of it in the space allotted. The extra news is my pay for the job. Everybody keep it up.

—*I. T. W.*

1912

A salute from the Class to "Giant" Kirk, who retired for age on 29 February in the grade of Major General, bringing to an end a long and distinguished military career. Oscar Gatchell remains as the sole member of the Class on the active list.

The first circular letter to the Class re the Forty Year Reunion in June brought forth 39 replies. Of those replying, 27 members have indicated their intention to be present at the 40th Reunion, with 19 wives, plus others making a total of 66. Among these were: Arnold, Chynoweth, Cook, Crawfords, D. M. and R. C., Day Deuel, Faymonville, Gatchell, Greenwald, Haislip, Hauser, Lyde Henry, Hinemon, Hobson, Lindt, Littlejohn, Maxwell, Mooney, Morrissey, Nickerson, Phelan, Robertson, Rose, Snow, Spalding, I., Sullivan, Whiteside. However, 65 classmates have not replied to the questionnaires. It is hoped that these failures to reply have been due to indecision rather than to procrastination or indifference. Final questionnaires will reach you about the same time as you receive this issue of *Assembly*. It is hoped and urged that each and every one will respond promptly and accurately. Planning cannot be efficiently done without the careful and prompt cooperation of all concerned.

Alma Bailey reports a highlight of her visit in San Antonio after Christmas, from her home in Tunica, Miss., was seeing members of our 1912 San Antone group on a number of happy occasions.

Margaret Edwards' new address is Kingscote Apts., Stanford Univ., Calif.

Alberta Harmon, who has moved from 2 to 2200 Country Club Drive, Montgomery, Ala., spent several weeks with her children and grandchildren (the Joe Nazarros of Alexandria, Va.) during the midwinter.

Class son Tom Hayes has received orders transferring him from the District of Columbia Commission to duty with the Engineers in Morocco. We are glad to report that Tom Sr. and Mary and their grandchildren at this writing are well on the road to recovery after more than their share of illness during the midwinter months.

Bob Hyatt and his daughter Katherine spent the winter at St. Augustine, Fla. He reports that the Reunion will find him present.

The Jones, B. Q., have sold their beautiful home in Sarasota, Fla., and moved back to Washington where they have purchased an apartment at 1870 Wyoming Ave.

Glen Kilner's son, Major Glen Kilner, FA Res, is on extended active duty at West Point as an instructor in English.

The Jack Lewises, to escape the rigors of a Boulder, Colorado, winter spent several weeks in Riverside, California.

Farmer Littlejohn is reported to have shifted from tobacco raising to beef cattle.

The Stephe MacGregors have bought a home in Augusta, Ga., home town also of the Tubby Bartons, where Tubby is a realtor. Young Tubby reported back about Christmas time, having done with plenty of glory his 100 missions, flying jets against the Migs in Korea. His wife had awaiting him a wonderful present—a 13 day old baby brother for Rocky (Tubby II).

Charlie Sawyer has moved from San Antonio to 134 Edgemoor Drive, Wichita, Kansas.

Hugh Schively, who has suffered many years from arthritis, was a recent patient at Letterman General Hospital.

Bill Sibert, safely back from Korea, where he served on Johnny Walker's staff as a G-4, is temporarily on duty in the Pentagon until he goes to South America as a military attache.

Ike Spalding, our class representative in the Fourth Army Area, scored highest in the eyes of the editors of the forthcoming Forty Year Book in getting classmates to send their individual letters in to the editor of the letter-section of the book.

Young Bud Sullivan will graduate with honors from the University of San Francisco ROTC, in recognition of which he has received a commission in the Regular Army Field Artillery, effective upon graduation next June.

The new address of Gladys and Tommy Thomas is the Broadmoor Apts., Washington, D. C., where they have purchased an apartment.

Caroline Walker is living in Apt. 547, Westminster Apts., Washington, D. C.

Young Jack Wood is now an aide on General Gruenther's staff in Paris.

Betty Youngs Robbins writes from Fulda, Germany, where her husband is in command of the 14th Armored Cavalry (APO 46, c/o P.M., N.Y.), that our Cup Grandson, Chandler P. Robbins, Jr., is working hard to make West Point several years hence.

The Bunny Hobsons are making a tour of Western Europe on a schedule that will bring them back in time for the Reunion. On 4 March, while they were passing through New York, Harry McLean gave a supper in their honor at his apartment in New York. Others present were John Smith, Maxie and Katherine, Gatch, Betty and Anne.

In January the Gatchells announced the engagement of their daughter, Anne Burgess, to Mr. David Reginald Peter Booth of Surrey, England. The wedding is planned at West Point on April 24th.

Marty Maher, author of "Bringing Up The Brass", (David McKay and Co., 225 Park Ave., New York City, Publishers), and honorary member of the Class of 1912, writes that he can call the roll of 1912 and not make many mistakes; that he will be on hand to hold up his end of the 1912 line at the 40 Year Reunion next June, and that he hopes he won't have to report any unauthorized absentees.

—*W. H. H. and O. J. G.*

1913

Since our appeal for news items in the last issue of *Assembly*, a few, but too few, Thirteeners have checked in. If you want this column filled we hope that more of you will get into the habit of sending in newsworthy items. I repeat that Class Headquarters is at 2525 Larkin Street, San Francisco 9, California. Since last heard from a number of classmates have either moved or established permanent homes after retirement. For the class records we need present addresses of Brewer, Cheadle, Foote, Frank, Fuller, Gibson, Herwig, McCunniff, Nelson, Nicholas, Perrine, Roberts, Schmidt, and Toohey (southern California address where he is reported to spend most of the year). Won't each of you named please report address and any other personal items of interest, including occupation, if any, and what you do to keep busy?

Recently we have heard briefly, but without particular news, from Ardrey, McMahon, Alfaro, Martin, Perkins, Jones, J. W. and Copthorne.

Sinbad Gaugler and Mrs. Sinbad report that they are most happy in their new home at 2702 Passagrille Way, Passagrille, Florida. According to his and the doctor's report, Gaugler's condition is much improved in the Florida sunshine.

Joe Viner has written several times on various matters. He prepared the memorial write-up on Dixie Crutcher which will be found elsewhere in this issue. Just now Dasha and Joe are on an extended vacation in the south, including Florida.

We have heard, too, from Bill McCulloch. He and his family also are making a trip south this month in search of a permanent home, possibly in the Carolinas or Florida. Bill sent in a clipping from the Philadelphia Inquirer showing an excellent picture of Lil Lyman and his 27 year old mare, "MAUI GIRL" under the caption, "Two Retired Veterans Take It Easy".

Our old reliable Eastern correspondent, Wop Sadtler has come through with his habitual report on pertinent news picked up in Washington, which will be found as separate items herein.

Louis Craig recently was out this way on an inspection trip but was too busy with official business to foregather with the San Francisco contingent of Thirteen. Cube Falk did talk to him on the telephone. It is understood that Brown, T. K. keeps busy running a bank in Tucson, Arizona, where he and Frances settled after retirement. Pete Corlett is reported to be affiliated with the State Housing Authority in New Mexico, where he and Pauline are enjoying life on their attractive ranch north of Santa Fe. The Schmidts are reported to have settled in Washington after their recent retirement. We were wrong in our prophesy that Dorothy and Snake Young would settle in Washington after retirement. They too headed for Florida and their present address is 4564 Ortega Blvd., Jacksonville. Johnnie Johnson is presently taking a rest from his successful sale of Dodges and Plymouths by reason of a recurrance of the stomach ailment which caused his retirement. In the last issue, we reported Leila Keyes, Dolly Sadtler and Hen Perrine on the hospital list. We are glad now to tell you that they are all back on a duty status and doing nicely. Junius Jones is due to retire at the end of April. This will leave only two members of the Class on the active list (Craig and Crittenberger).

It again becomes our sad duty to report another Class casualty. Sam Heidner died on 14 February in San Diego where he and Jane have made their home since his retirement in 1945. Death was due to the malady which caused his retirement. No further details are given here as his obituary will be found in this issue of *Assembly*.

One of the events of the Sesquicentennial of the Military Academy was the unveiling at the West Point Library of a portrait of Robert E. Lee on January 19. The Class was represented by Joe Viner, who reports it as a very dignified affair with much "brass" present and with representation of all classes with living members, followed by a banquet. Joe says also that he spent an hour with the Keyes daughter and the Cheadle son, both on duty at West Point.

The Washington monthly Class luncheon, held on the first Wednesday, is still well attended. Regular attendees are Crane, Davidson, Weeks, Foote, Keyes, Johnson, Sadtler and Schmidt. Craig is present when his duties as The Inspector General permit. Governor Newcomer is also present on his frequent trips from Panama, which he times to coincide.

Well, whatta ya know? The Class no longer includes a bachelor. The long-time holdout, Brig. Young, has went and gone and gotten married. Your reporter has no details except that the bride and groom have settled in Due West, South Carolina. We take this opportunity to extend, on behalf of the Class, hearty congratulations to Brig., and all best wishes for happiness to the newest member of the Class Family, whom we hope to meet at the Fortieth Reunion, if not sooner.

The West Point Society of the San Francisco Bay Area held its annual mixed dinner-dance just before Christmas at the Presidio Officers Club. While there were over one hundred graduates and their ladies present, the Slineys and the Lewises were the only Thirteeners to enjoy the successful party.

Dick Dorst, the youngest son of Catherine and Archer, was married out here in California recently. The bride and groom are making their home down the peninsula.

The Slineys proudly announce their first grandchild, son of their younger boy, born on February 29th.

Bob Van Volkenburgh still is top in amount of insurance written in the local area by the Acacia Life Insurance Company.

The Class extends sincere sympathy to Cube Falk in the recent death of his mother.

At the Founder's Day Dinner of the West Point Society of the San Francisco Bay Area, held February 14th at the Presidio Officers Club, Thirteen was represented by Dorst, Sliney, Underhill, Van Volkenburgh and Lewis.

Until next issue, greetings to you all.

—*H. B. L.*

1914

Another classmate has passed on. William E. Burr died at Glendale, Missouri, on January 12, 1952, and was buried there. The sympathy of all 1914 members goes to his family, which includes three other graduates, father, brother and son.

Fred Herman sends the following report —"The San Antonio group of the Class welcomed Fred and Dorothy Herman as visitors from the far North in January. John and Earll Carruth were the hosts for a ten day visit and had a class party in their home, and the Gills also had a party at the Club. John Carruth is very busy running his prep school for West Point (Armed Services Preparatory School, 1211 Townsend Ave., San Antonio 9, Tex.). This is only the first year but he thinks he is in the right place to carry on a successful school. John Henry Woodberry had to liquidate his business because he could get no steel. Marguerite and John both look fine; her sister lives with them. Ike and Lillian Gill are enjoying their new house, built according to their ideas. They go off every summer to Connecticut where their daughter lives, thus escaping the heat which is a constant subject of conversation. Even in January it is 80 sometimes. Elmer Adler is a busy man running the financial end of the San Antonio Symphony and Opera. He and Aurelia also look fine. Pete Downs unfortunately had to break into the hospital for an extended period, and Evelyn was naturally upset, but it seems only a matter of time until he will be back to normal. The Houghtons left San Antonio for California some time ago. Tim Rees, the latest arrival, still has that healthy complexion which he keeps up by daily golf with Jim Bradley. Jim is in fine shape now and is happy to be in San Antonio. Amy Rees enjoys the Army life. Cecile Clark is also one of the Class group. All of our San Antonio classmates live in pleasant modern houses in the new sections of the city within a few miles of and to the north of Fort Sam Houston, and all belong to the post officers' club and live a sort of Army life"

Shrimp Milburn has gone to Percy Jones Hospital, Battle Creek, Michigan for a check-up prior to retirement. Charley Gross was at Walter Reed in February for a check-up prior to re-retirement and has gone back to Germany. He will probably be back in the U.S. by Fall.

Our sympathy goes to Blub Stuart, whose wife died last December.

New addresses: John Henry Woodberry —233 Terra Alta East, San Antonio, Tex.; Bill Houghton—214 Avenida Miramar, San Clemente, Calif.; Jens Doe—126 W. Beauregard Ave., San Angelo, Tex. (still has house at Carmel, Calif.); Johnny Carruth—214 Claywell Drive, San Antonio, Tex.; Jim Cress—1945 Byron St., Palo Alto, Calif.; Goody Packard—1112 Kelly Way, El Paso, Tex.

Everett C. Crear, Severance, N. Y. wants a 1914 Howitzer. Can anyone oblige him?

—*Brand.*

1915

The tide of retirements swells higher. Move over, '15, and let youth have its day. And it seems only yesterday that the taxi-driver in front of the Astor rolled up and asked: "Going somewhere, sonny?" Hard to take when, just eight hours earlier, our diplomas had put us in the roster of "the nation's defenders". The 37 years between that swift deflation at the hands of a New York cabby and June 1952 have gone by with a whoosh. And here we are riding the tumbrils to the public square where each swish of the retirement guillotine brings a soft chorus from the spectators. If you listen carefully, you get the words: "One more file".

On 31 January the executioner got Hanley, Leonard, McNarney and Stratemeyer. Hess writes that the end of March will see him cheerfully riding to his decapitation. By the time the "Class of 1953" has caught the statutory axe, there will be few of us left at the beck and call of any higher authority than the boss in the kitchen.

Joe McNarney clearly hasn't got rid of the bug that makes people willing to work. After months of grim argument with the NATO Ministers who control production and national purse strings in their respective countries, and coming up with the always irrefutable answers, Joe will coast into a relative sinecure as President of Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Corporation. Anyhow, he'll need only one language, not twelve for the job. But what a language! Ask anybody who's been on the receiving end. As a matter of fact, Joe hadn't planned it that way. When he left Washington, he intended to settle down in La Jolla, Cal., native habitat of Mrs. Joe. Came the offer of the big job, too good to be turned down. For a few months Joe will limit his activities to directors' meetings before he takes on full responsibilities. Meanwhile, we assume that the book (they're all writing them, aren't they?) will have to wait.

John Leonard relinquished command of the XVIII Corps at Ft. Bragg, where he began as CG, V Corps, to start on a career of self-development, so it's reported. In the equatorial belt, John? That's what the snapshots suggest. There should be competition from Hanley, another retiree, due for a decent rest after his long bout with a heart condition. Also from Stratemeyer, who will have to learn all over again the fun of going fishing.

Dutch and Betty Hess have planned a tour that will take them to every area in their home site shopping list: lower half of the Pacific Coast, the southern tier through Texas, Louisiana, Florida and the East Coast up to at least West Point. A possible interlude is a quick trip to Hawaii. In the process, Dutch and Betty will be seeing a number of classmates; and prospecting for squatter rights. The North Carolina hills seem to have the inside track in the Hess' affections right now.

A note from Haw, too late for use in the January *Assembly*, brings word of Henley's death on 14 November at Brooke Army Hospital, Ft. Sam Houston. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Virginia B. Henley, 227 Greenlawn Drive, San Antonio, Texas; one daughter, Mrs. Rex Aubrey Smelser of Austin, Texas; three sons, Captain Donald Henley, Jr., USAF, Pope AFB, N. C., Sgt. James A. Henley, USA, Camp Stoneman, California, and Robert Douglas Henley, a pre-medical student at the University of Texas.

Slant Gibson lost his wife, Mrs. Katherine Hurt Gibson, on 18 November.

A note from Dad Stickney, too late for comment in January, tells of his efforts to secure a wanted copy of the 1915 Howitzer. A spendthrift at Graduation time, Dad bought two. One of them lost its corners in the Border days when Hearn's bull pup, Jeb Stuart, started chewing. Naturally. If Tom had taken our sure-fire course in Economics he would have known that a lieutenant's salary couldn't pay the board of a man his size and leave enough to feed a bull pup.

Another note, same source, brings news of the marriage of the Geslers' son, Earl Ewart, Jr. on 8 February to Miss Patricia Ann Eddy, daughter of Mrs. Grace B. Eddy, of West Newton, Mass. After a wedding trip through New York and Pennsylvania, the youngsters will make their home in Wilmington, Del.

The class has discovered a powerful booster in the Leonardtown, Md. *Enterprise*. The 36th annual dinner in Washington gave Mrs. Beatrice Green, news editor of the *Enterprise* the opportunity to call the roll,— and the score as well. The article is one for our permanent archives. If we haven't any, it's high time to set them up. I hear no dissenting vote. Jody Haw is declared elected as custodian. One item in that grist is a thumping editorial nominating—guess whom—for President of these United States. Thanks, Bea, and come again.

Two budding artists seem to be in competition. Their names and final standings in P. Stewart's Academy of Controlled Art, as duly noted in the Cadet Register:

Dwight D. Eisenhower.....69
Joseph C. Haw 98

Red Irwin, expert in water colors and black and white, is ruled out until he can qualify in oils. Besides, he won a Stewart rating of 27, chiefly because he didn't knock over so many ink bottles. Latest product of Ike's brush is a portrait of Prichard, now hanging over Charlotte's mantelpiece. Jody says it's tops.

Roy Watson's contribution to the Newsletter, received too late for inclusion, follows:

"Transferred in May, 1950 to Commanding General, Ft. Lewis, Wash., where I trained units, including Canadian Force, now in Korea. Transferred in June, 1951 to Japan where I am Chief, Civil Affairs. I am training the Japanese National Police Reserve. Saw Van Fleet in Korea—he is in excellent health, and doing a fine job. Zundel is here with me—he is IG, FEC. I just returned from six weeks in Washington on JNPR business—saw many classmates there, including Bradley, Larkin, Mueller, and many others. Saw Henry Aurand in Hawaii—he and his wife and daughter are going to visit me this month. I had to quit playing handball and tennis several years ago—now I get my exercise — and fun — hunting and playing golf. My main interest over here is my job—it is one of the most interesting I have ever had. Visited George Stratemeyer out here several times before he left for the States to be retired. He looked well, and had a cheerful outlook on life, in spite of his hard luck. Anna Lee was right in there helping him all she could".

The Bradleys, after a busy time in Lisbon and a short leave in the West Indies, are back at Fort Myer. At this writing, he and Ike have teamed up for a major play,— to convince Congress of the need of continuing solid support of the Free World defense effort. Brad is due to wind up the Sesquicentennial Lecture Series on 15 April at West Point, when he will address the Corps on *The Impact of Modern Technology on the Frontline Combat Team.* On 20 May he will be a principal speaker at the Sesquicentennial Jubilee Convocation. His subject: *West Point in the Service of the Nation.*

Founder's Day at West Point, 16 March, brought Leland and Lucy Hobbs here; also Ed. Hyde. All are in the pink. Stirring greetings from Ike and Brad to the Corps were broadcast. Other messages from our classmates were published, as follows: Young, for EUCOM Comm Zone; Price, for the California colony; Irwin, for graduates in Austria; Van Fleet, for the Eighth Army; Randolph, for the West Point Society of Philadelphia.

A grim-looking Tom Larkin fills the front cover of the 21 March *U.S. News and World Report.* And a feature article in that number records an interview with him. He's still hitting hard; habit of a lifetime.

More cheerful are the press pictures of Van Fleet, celebrating his 60th birthday by cutting into a 45 pound cake delivered by his Air Force son for the occasion. Times have changed. In Van's football days that cake would have made a nice snack for him, —and without cutting.

A note from Doughty, too late for inclusion in the Newsletter: "The International Refugee Organization has terminated its operations. I am staying in Munich for the present with a tentative business connection. Fencing is still my hobby".

Jody Haw takes a bow from one and all for his grand Newsletter. It fills a long-existent gap; also sets a precedent too satisfying to let it lapse. Seems to me Jody has got himself a job,—from now on. The odds and bits of news that fall into the *Assembly* hopper are thin fare when compared with the full meal of information in the Newsletter. *So, don't overlook Jody's request for comment on his proposal to get out a regular roundup of class news.*

One mystery remains obscure after reading all those letters. Just how does a Colonel manage to live on retired pay? They all sound contented, happy in fact,—and extremely lazy. Not a suggestion that the poor wife takes in washing to help balance the budget. A solution of the mystery will be sincerely welcomed.

Not so mysterious is the suggestion from several quarters that a charming, reconditioned dwelling on Pennsylvania Avenue should figure in the 1955 reunion. I hear no objections. The secretary will accordingly cast one enthusiastic ballot in favor of the motion.

—*H. B.*

1916

During the winter Bill Hoge returned from Korea. After a month's leave he took over command of the 4th Army and is now at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Horace McBride has also been transferred from command of the General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth and is now in Panama where he is Commander-in-Chief of the Caribbean Command. This assignment gives Horace his third star and raises the number of Lieutenant Generals in 1916 to three—Styer, Hoge and McBride.

Doc Reinhart writes from Birmingham, Michigan that, outside of a severe winter, there is no news. He does say that his boy Stantley, Jr. is still in Korea but he expects him home soon.

Jack Fraser spent the winter in Tucson, Arizona. He is coming east in the late spring and hopes to get to West Point for the Sesquicentennial June Week celebration. That reminds us that one of the first events last January was the presentation of a por-

trait of Robert E. Lee to the Academy. All classes were represented and Cramp Jones did the honors for 1916.

After a year at Fort Lewis, Washington, Joe Tully retired early this year. He took off for a visit with his son who is Naval Attache in Mexico City. He is reserving judgment over where he will finally settle down to live.

Roland Slugg, who has been in Korea since the summer of 1950 making bad medicine for the Reds with his artillery, returned this winter and was stationed at Camp McCoy. More recently we hear that he has been in the hospital but no details. Lucien Berry has left Fort MacArthur, California and is commanding the Army Disciplinary Barracks at Camp Cook in the same State.

Bill Spence reports that young Bill, who graduated during our reunion last June, had his shoulder smashed up in an automobile accident last January. He expected him to return to San Antonio to convalesce. Dwight Johns seems to be doing an effective job with Civil Defense in the San Francisco trans-bay area. Bank Blanks says the horns make a terrible noise which, among other things, seriously affects his cocker spaniel's functional equilibrium.

Bill and Rose Coffin visited Washington in January. Bill is recuperating from his illness of last fall and looked fine considering the session he had with the medicos. During February, Ham Maguire's youngest daughter, Mary Ewing, was married in Washington.

A 1916 class dinner was held in Washington January 3rd. It was for the class and wives—twenty-six in all attended. A newcomer in Washington is Raphael Garcia and his wife. He is now a retired Colonel. Caperton is a working farmer at Amissville, Virginia. The chores keep him on the jump but he sends his best to everybody.

Andy Andrews expected a houseful of children for Xmas at his home in Vermont. After that he was going to attend to some unfinished fishing in Florida. It's great to be retired and do just what you want to do. Our class chaplain, Father De Cleene, sends us some real news. He, a man vowed to poverty, has been asked to write a book on the Mathematics of Finance. Tom Martin is Director of Civil Defense for Tennessee. He was in Washington early in January and later we heard that he was taking a Caribbean cruise with his wife. Bob Walsh has been elected President of the Washington Army and Navy Club.

With sorrow, we pause to pay silent tribute to two more of 1916 who will answer no more class roll calls. Tom Sinkler, who returned to his native South Carolina after he was relieved from his war-time assignment at West Point in September 1950, died in Charleston last winter. On February 11th, Bunts Chambers was killed in the crash of a private plane just south of the border, near Nogales, Arizona. He was returning with friends to his home in Santa Barbara, California, after a fishing trip in Mexico. He was buried at West Point where the class wreath, our final tribute, was placed by Crampton Jones. We have lost two loyal classmates, true friends and fine soldiers. We won't forget them. —*E. G. B.*

April, 1917

Classmates in Washington held the regular bimonthly luncheon at the Fort McNair Club, Thursday, 17 January. Sixteen were present: Morris Barroll, Bill Cowgill, Johnny Devine, Bill Eley, Jack Jackson, Francis Macon, Frank Markoe, Dave Rumbough, Bob Ransom, Harry Schroeder, Steve Sherrill, Sam Smith, Pescia Sullivan, Van Vanderhyden, George Wooley and Kewp Yuill. Jackson has just taken command of Fort McNair and Markoe is in Washington for an indefinite assignment on the staff of an important government agency. Ira Crump was unable to come as he is recovering from an operation at Walter Reed. Steve Sherrill reported on the progress of the 35-year book: orders have been received for 103 copies; 28 classmates have not yet responded to the three requests to furnish a write-up about themselves for the book and material so far received will be sent to the printers in New York on 23 January. Because of the delay in receiving all write-ups it is not now expected to have the book in final form until immediately after the reunion. So, if you have not sent yours in yet please do so. Bill Cowgill outlined plans for the reunion itself and stated that letters would be mailed to all graduates and ex-cadets in January. Two classmates made generous contributions to the Class fund. Kivas Tully is contributing some special pictures for the 35-year book, which will be an interesting feature of the book.

Nina and Charlie Gerhardt left for Yokohama early in January to attend the wedding of daughter Nina over there to Lt. Donald Kennedy, 1st Cavalry Division. Penny and Matt Ridgway came down from Tokyo for the wedding.

Several classmates were among those present at Dot and Bill Eley's Alexandria, Virginia residence New Year's Day for egg nog. Daughters Mary Jo and Georgie Day with their children were the guests of honor.

Whit Whitcomb's mother passed away in Washington on 16 February at the age of 82. Salome and Whit are in Lima, Peru.

Tom Sinkler, one of the best loved of our classmates and host to many of us during his many years at West Point, died suddenly in Charleston 31 January. Tom was from a proud and distinguished old Southern family and had been living in his native Charleston, South Carolina, since his retirement in August 1950. His passing followed by only a little more than a year Helen's sudden death at West Point in 1950. Washington Classmates sent flowers to the funeral services and this message: "The Class of 1917, USMA sends its sympathy to you and family. Our admiration and love for Tom Sinkler have increased through the years and today we, his Classmates, salute him. The memory of his fine example will remain with us always" Daughters Anne (Mrs. George Thompson) of Mongomery, Alabama and Helen (Mrs. Chandler Jones) of Albany, Georgia survive.

At a special luncheon at Fort McNair in Washington the August, 1917 Class joined with us on 18 March to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the founding of West Point. Present from our class were: Percy Black, Joe Collins, Johnny Devine, Bill Eley, Clarke Fales, Louie Ford, Charlie Gerhardt, Jack Jackson, Frank Markoe, Burnet Olmsted, Bob Ransom, Dave Rumbough, Harry Schroeder, Steve Sherrill, Sam Smith, Van Vanderhyden, Kewp Yuill.

From August, 1917: Sharpe, Jenna, Reeder, Shaefer, Purvis, Jones, Hasbrouck, Griffiths, O'Connor, McNiel, and Wagner.

—*S. H. S.*

August, 1917

After the copy for the last issue of *Assembly* had been submitted, there came the sad news of the death of our friend and classmate, Jack Heavey, who died in Washington on 23 November. All of the Washington classmates attended the funeral, which was held in the Fort Myer Chapel. Burial was in a beautiful site in Arlington Cemetery, on a slope overlooking the Potomac. Monsignor Murdock, the former Catholic Chaplain at West Point and one of Jack's close friends, conducted the services. Biff Jones writes that he saw Jack a few days before his death and that he was full of enthusiasm over his new home in North Alexandria and his new insurance business, in which he and Narney McNeill were associated. For the time being, at least, May will continue to live at 2924 Richmond Lane, Alexandria.

Our faithful Washington correspondent (Biff) writes that class luncheons are still held monthly at the Army and Navy Club—on the second Thursday. An exception was made in March, when our Washington classmates held a joint luncheon with April, 1917 at the Fort McNair club. Other items contributed by Biff: Honus Wagner had just returned from his Martinsburg, West Virginia, orchard, bringing samples of his fine varieties of apples. The superior products "attested to his cultural skill". During February, Jack Bellinger made daily inspections of his frosty garden, looking for signs of spring. He was getting himself in fighting trim for his annual battle against the insect world. John, Jr., (U.S.M.A. 1948) is due to return from Germany in August, and son Edgar is applying for admission to the George Washington University Law School. Poopie Griffith has moved into his new Virginia home, at 5050 Route 50—wherever that is. Leo Conner has bought a new home near the Bureau of Standards. Red Shaffer is in good shape again after an operation at Walter Reed. Froggie Reed, who lives in Pasadena, paid a brief business visit to the city, reporting that Wilson Bingham was convalescing from a recent illness. Gordon Heiner, of Lexington, Virginia, was enjoying a Caribbean cruise; and Phil and Tommy Day were about to take off for their annual vacation in Florida. Bill Deas had been in town for several days. Frank Bertholet had arrived in Korea. George Herbert was in Walter Reed for some fixing-up prior to retirement. Pete Purvis was getting over the ground fast in his pursuit of a law degree. In addition to May Heavey, wives of departed classmates who are living in Washington are Victoria Almquist, Loessa Coffey, Marguerite Eyster, and Dorothy Matlack. Peggy Moore is spending the winter in Florida.

Jack Johnson is living in splendor in Mexico and sends pictures to prove it. Stewart Miller has settled in San Francisco. Bill Chapman writes that he saw Desmond O'Keefe in late November. Des is Air Judge Advocate of the Air Defense Command, with station at Ent Air Force Base, Colorado Springs. Bill also reports that Billie Reinberg is a member of the Bradenton, Florida, colony.

We assume that all have received the first reunion bulletin. So far, we have acceptances, either firm or tentative, from 49 classmates and 31 wives.

Please send news for the next issue—by 1 June—to Dodson Stamps at West Point.

—*T. D. S.*

June, 1918

On Christmas eve, in England, a son was born to Nonie and Tommy Tompkins. Bill Barriger and Lane Holman are the joint godfathers. In so far as we know, this boy, Charles Tompkins, is our youngest Class Son.

In January, Dorothy and Pat Casey's twenty-six year old son, Major Hugh B. Casey, was killed in action in Korea. Of this second Class Son to be killed in Korea, Tenney Ross writes: "I'll mention some of the high lights, as I know them, of the career of Dorothy and Pat's older son. Hugh was unable to make West Point—eyes I think—and enlisted early in the war. He served in North Africa as an enlisted man, went to OCS, was commissioned in the Infantry, and served in combat in the Philippines and later in Japan near his father.

During this time, he attempted to win his mother's standing offer of $10.00 to either of the boys who could put Pat on his back. Although a big, husky kid, he didn't make that one.

"In Korea, Hugh, integrated into the regular army, started as a first lieutenant. He twice received battle field promotions and two decorations (SS) for gallantry in action. He was eligible for rotation back home late last summer, but elected to stay and fight. Tragically, he was killed while on reconnaissance in a light plane, just after he had become Williston Palmer's aide. I am sure all the Class grieves with Pat and Dot and shares their pride in their fine son".

Tenney Kutz Ross (Class of '48), Marian and Tenney's son, who was killed in action in Korea in November, 1950, was posthumously awarded the SS; the citation stating that he was killed while looking after his men.

"Bud" Miley has been relieved from duty with the Joint Airborne Troop Board, Fort Bragg, N. C., and has been assigned to the Alaskan Command, as C.G., U.S. Army, Alaska. Sam Sturgis has been relieved from the 6th Armored Division at Fort Leonard Wood and has been assigned to command the European Command Air Reserve Center at Frankfurt, Germany. Harry Sherman has been relieved from assignment and duty with the Ryukyus Command in Okinawa and has been assigned to San Francisco POE, TDPFO. "T. Q." Donaldson, until recently assigned to Medical Holding Detachment at William Beaumont Army Hospital, El Paso, Texas, retired 29 February 1952, physical disability. Eddie Sibert has been released from assignment and duty with the Inter-American Defense Board, Washington, D. C., and has been assigned to Headquarters First Army at Governors Island, New York. (With Eddie on his new assignment, our Class has Crittenberger surrounded; Bill Barriger being his Chief of Staff with the First Army and "C. P." Townsley being his Chief of Staff at the U.N.) "Savvy" Cruse has been ordered from the Dist. Engr. Office in Philadelphia to the Far East Command.

We hear that "Skip" and Norma Axelson have retired and are living in Florida; Reg Whitaker's daughter, Regina Banning is with an air line in New York; Johnny and Ellie Bethel will forsake Mt. Dora, Fla., for a month or two this summer on a visit to New York. "Bunny" Ward (who puts up with our "Chesty") was the subject of a three page write-up in BUSINESS WEEK (issue of January 12). "Bunny", the men's wear stylist of Macy's, is about to leave that department store and open up a men's shop of her own. Your scribe, Jack Grant, who retired from the active practice of the law at the close of last year to write a book on federal taxes and life insurance, is engaged in nurturing a small business enterprise and has not written even the first chapter of his book.

Because of the inactive account discovered at the First National Bank in Highland Falls, our Class is better off to the extent of $34.58.

Bill Barriger represented our Class at the unveiling of the portrait of Robert E. Lee at West Point on January 19th. Present at the Founder's Day Sesquicentennial ceremonies at West Point on March 16th, were: "Addie" Adcock, Bill Barriger, "Laddie" Bellinger, Jack Grant and "Heinie" Stenzel.

"Growley" Gruhn, Heap Big Chief of Montana Military District, and his squaw "Steve" renew their invitation to all classmates visiting Yellowstone National Park or Glacier National Park, or other sights in their bailiwick, to stop off and visit them.

Tenney Ross wrote on January 30th: "I was in New York briefly last weekend to attend the annual party given by Jack Sverdrup for many of us from SWPA on MacArthur's birthday. The party was wonderful. MacArthur was there for the first time and was magnificent. Lane Holman (former C/S USASOS) was there from his command of the Industrial College and was his usual cheerful, friendly self. Murray Neilson (former CO amphibious regt. & Dist. Engr, Manila) flew on with us coming from Kansas City and is as glamorous as ever. Jim Marshall (former G-4, USASOS) has gone to Turkey on important work, and Sam Sturgis (former Engr., 6th Army) is in the hospital at Hot Springs, so they could not make it this year. Pat Casey was there, looking rather white and drawn but with his head high * * *. I think the party did him a world of good. The next morning (Sunday) he and Dorothy had a few of us to breakfast before we took off for St. Louis. Dorothy too is wonderful. The courage of some women is far beyond my understanding—my own Marian is another of the same caliber.

"On my own account, I am still fooling Sverdrup & Parcel into paying me a salary, have two granddaughters and expect a third in March. Have arranged with my two daughters that they will present me with ten granddaughters and then one grandson.

"Saw pictures of the Clay twins. Each generation is palpably an improvement on those gone before. Savvy Cruse was briefly in St. Louis a couple of months past. He hasn't grown any. Talked over the phone with Hab Elliott while passing through Nashville recently, and his voice sounded youthful. He had just had two martinis. Marian joins me in very best to 'GG' and you".

Hereafter, please send notes for our Class Column to: John L. Grant, 325 Clinton Avenue, Brooklyn 5, N. Y. —*J. L. G.*

November, 1918

U.S. Steel in its annual report includes the following: "Brigadier General William W. Wanamaker, U.S. Retired, has been appointed Chief Engineer of Orinoco Mining Company. General Wanamaker retired from active service on November 30, 1949, to become the first Executive Director of the New Jersey Turnpike Authority. In 1945 he was in charge of all shipping and port operation in the Southwest Pacific during the New Guinea and Philippine campaigns"

Drex Dana and his Rose plan to spend all of June Week at West Point; son Bill graduates. Fifteen year old daughter, Toni, will come too. Drex reports seeing Howell, Cocke and Mendenhall at a luncheon of graduates in Los Angeles and deplores the absence of Carter, Sherrill and Hesp.

Charlie Bathurst is back at Governors Island after a trip to Walter Reed. He reports an enjoyabe lunch with the Washington group on November 18.

Fred Pearson sends in admirable reports. Would that more classmates would emulate him. Fred saw Eugene Mitchell, Ex November, '18, at Camp Polk where he was Deputy Post Commander, but he is now en route to EUCOM. Fred also reports Charley Moore on his feet again after a siege with a virus infection. Chris Knudsen just moved into his new house, Babe Gullat is on a big engineering job in San Antonio, in addition to his regular practice in Houston. Dick Wheeler's daughter is visiting in San Antonio. On a trip through El Paso, White Sands and Albuquerque, he saw Ed Hogan and George Eddy. Ed is recuperating after a successful operation and George is still chaperoning VIP's and "WAC Corporals".

A long letter has come from Jim Styron, *who commands the 45th Division in Korea.* I wish that it could be printed in full but space will not permit. Jim gives a pretty good summary of his life for the past six years and a fairly comprehensive description of the development of the 45th Division during the same period. Briefly, they filled up with replacements and worked like beavers at Camp Polk. Loved Hokkaido, despite further hard training there, and for several months have been engaged in the real thing. Jim writes of Charlie Colson as Chief of Staff of the Corps the 45th is in, of Ippy Swift, commanding the 25th Division, and of George Kaiser, Swede Ericson, Cinderella Watkins and Hastings.

Tom Brinkley writes from Boise that he left Guatemala last September and, after short stays at the Canal Zone, Walter Reed and Camp Desert Rock, Nevada, ended up as Chief of the Idaho Military District. He asks for names of nearby classmates. Tom's address is 5th and Fort Streets, Boise, Idaho.

Alex McCone was reported in Washington, early in March. Laura Belle Badger writes that Bill is busy selling their house in Columbus and packing to move to Washington, where Bill is taking over as Executive Vice President in Willard Holbrook's Federal Services Finance Corp. She says that Bob Badger, their youngest, a yearling, has broken several records in intercollegiate swimming. A. M. Wilson is moving from the West Coast to Columbus to take over Bill's old job there as local manager of F.S.F. Corp. The Mike Jenkins are on the loose again. So far they have been reported in Columbus, Georgia, at West Point and in Washington.

Elmer Barnes reports a good turn out, seventeen, at the last Class Luncheon at the Fort McNair Club, including Jim Christiansen (en route to command Fort Leonard Wood instead of duty in O.C.E. as previously reported), Pinkie Walsh (en route to an assignment as Division Engineer of a new Mediterranean Division) and Wilson, A. M. (in town from Frisco for a business conference with his boss, Holbrook).

A plan for the administration of the Caboose Cup was approved. Each candidate is to write to Willard Holbrook, stating his qualifications. Willard will see that the cup is passed on from each holder to the next, in proper succession. He will provide each former Caboose holder with a small permanent replica. Recipients are responsible for engraving. Holbrook is to send bills to Conrad. (Nothing yet for the latter's action.)

Dottie Barnes reports for a virus saturated Elmer:

"On Saturday, March 15th, those of the class in and around Washington held a ladies night at the regular dinner-dance at Fort McNair Officers' Club. The long table stretched out to seat twenty-two of the "gals" and twenty-four classmates. The Arthur Pences, Howard Peckhams, Charlie Hixons and Howard Canan joined us for the first time and we were especially glad to have Gertrude Swift and Mary Colson with us, though their husbands in Korea were greatly missed. The Dick Lees drove up from Rocky Mount, Virginia, and produced photographic evidence of the house on the hill-top Dick is building with his own hands. The Mike Jenkins came in from Battle Creek, Michigan; Paul Kelly from Norfolk and Frankie Bowman from Belvoir. Among the missing were the Art Pulsifers, whose son Bob was married that evening, and Bob Schow, just in from Paris, whose plane unfortunately took off that evening.

"The regular standbys present were: Jimmy Hemingway, Baker, Barneses, Bill Bennetts, Chorpenings, Dunkelbergs, Fellers, Griffiths, Holbrooks, Jewells, Bill Millers, Normans, Pilands and Van Voorst".

—*Bryan Conrad.*

1919

In the last go-around of permanent promotions, the class drew the following Major

Generals: Willie Palmer, now commanding the 10th Corps in Korea; Bob Montague, Director of Operations, Plans and Training, for EUCOM; Harlan Hartness, Commanding the 4th Infantry Division in EUCOM; and Claude Ferenbaugh, Hqs. 8th Army in Korea. Permanent Brigadier Generals made at the same time were Dad Loper, Chief of the Armed Forces Special Weapons Project; Jazzbo Murphy, Director of Personnel and Administration, EUCOM; Ed Sebree, Commanding General at Trieste; and Sladen Bradley, Deputy Director of Joint Plans, the Joint Staff. In a letter from his home in Santa Barbara, Andy Kanaga quotes Al Wedemeyer that General Guy V. Henry says that the S.O. class wears more stars than any class ever graduated. This led your scribe to do a little research work, and come up with the following score:

Generals (Twining and Gruenther)	2
Lieutenant Generals (Wedemeyer and McAuliffe)	2
Major Generals	14
Brigadier Generals	32
Grand Total	50

This, I believe, is exceeded by the Class of 1915, with a total of 59. Maybe Guy V. Henry has some sources of information that I don't. Incidentally, Nate Twining has just been transferred from Vice Chief of Staff of the Air Force to Commanding General, Strategic Air Command.

Recent retirements included Horace Speed as of 30 September and Ike Ritchie, as of 31 March, both for physical disability. Horace has taken up residence at 19 Fort Hunt Road, Belle Haven, Alexandria, Virginia. He has agreed to act as our Washington Class Secretary and to maintain liaison with me in getting out this column. As a result of Horace's efforts, the Washington unit is reviving its activity. To assist him in keeping track of classmates in the District of Columbia area, Horace suggests the following: Notify him or Dick Ovenshine, c/o Career Management Division, Infantry Branch, AGO:

(1) If you are ordered to Washington for duty or if you know of some classmate ordered to Washington.
(2) If you are ordered to Walter Reed for treatment or know of others ordered there for that purpose.
(3) If you know of any classmate or member of his family being sent to Washington for burial.
(4) If you need assistance of some other sort in the D.C. area.

The Washington group will furnish flowers and/or pallbearers for class funerals in Washington.

Horace has furnished the following news items from the Washington area:

Walter O'Reilly died in Walter Reed on 17 January and was buried on the 22nd with McAuliffe, Brannon, Crichlow, Phillips, Harbaugh, Flory, Bruner, Ovenshine, Drury, Martin, Crowe, Parsons, Heiberg, Szymanski and Speed as pall bearers. The Booths also attended and Louis Ely has written the obituary.

Saturday evening, 9 February, Mike and Marjorie Brannon entertained with an S.O. cocktail party at their home. Guests included the McAuliffes, the Crichlows, Booths, Bruners, Crowes, Louis Ely, the Florys, Jimmie Harbaugh, the Hardins, Lopers, Martins, McGregors, Ovenshines, Parsons, Speeds, and Starrs, Ham Young, Annabelle Jones, Flossie Snodgrass and Mrs. Virgil Kerr. A wonderful time was had by all! Miller, R. J. (The Crown Prince), has been confined to Walter Reed with a broken hip. He is now Assistant Manager of the Alturas Hotel at 16th and R. in Washington. Captain John A. Bruckner (U.S.M.A. '45), son of Jack Bruckner, was killed in action in Korea on 31 December.

Alec Kirby is now Post Commanding Officer at Camp Cooke, about 60 miles from Santa Barbara. Bill Wyman writes from Korea, where he commands the 9th Corps, that he and Willie Palmer, who commands the 10th Corps, see each other quite frequently. Don Shingler is Division Engineer for the Missouri River Division in Omaha, Nebraska, where he has been located since he came back from Eniwetok in December 1950. He remarks that Nebraskans and particularly natives of Omaha, are very proud of two home town boys, Al Gruenther and Al Wedemeyer. The latter is being mentioned frequently in connection with politics. An editorial in the Omaha World Herald is extremely laudatory. Corroboration of the Wedemeyer popularity in the mid-west comes in from Toledo and Bob Samsey. The latter writes that a speech by Wedemeyer in Toledo last month received much favorable press comment.

C. F. (Count) Wilson is living at 3800 Monroe Avenue, El Paso, Texas. Since retiring in 1947, he has acquired the degree of Bachelor of Business Administration and is now working on a Master of Arts degree in History and Government at Texas Western College. Chick Noble is living at 828 Ivy Lane, San Antonio. His son, Lt. Charles H. Noble, Jr., U.S. Marine Corps, graduated first in a class of 365 company grade officers at Quantico, Virginia, last December. He was selected by his fellow students as the outstanding member of the class, composed of graduates of leading colleges and universities of the U.S. (including U.S.N.A.). Young Noble previously graduated with honors from Rice Institute.

In a letter from 831 Monroe Street, Reno, Nevada, Hilde Hildebrand tells of a long and arduous battle with cancer. He has been under the knife eleven times since April 1951. To quote him, "As to my health, I am OK. Loss of a jaw, scarred face and neck, a slight speech impediment, and limited use of right arm and shoulder do not prevent a fairly normal life. In the words of one of Napoleon's brigadiers, 'Courage, mes enfants, le Diable est mort'."

Ben Byrne is Senior Instructor for the National Guard of Hawaii where Mike McKinney is Adjutant General.

In a recent letter to Charlie West, Edgar Snodgrass writes most entertainingly (though not for publication) of conditions in EUCOM where he is Staff Judge Advocate of the 7th Army. One of his major problems is with dependent housing, since he wants Flossie to come and join him.

Dad and Opie Loper spent a recent weekend at U.S.M.A. Present for the Founders Day dinner in the Mess Hall on 16 March were Bill Regan, Doc Johnson and your scribe. Other recent visitors have been Roy Green, now living at Bound Brook, New Jersey; Les Flory, Director of Research for Johns Hopkins University, and Frank Davis. Les brought his son with him, a prospective member of the class of 1956.

—*B. W. B.*

1920

Your representative is endeavoring to gather as much data as possible regarding the Class of 1920, starting with our cadet days. I am particularly anxious to obtain information relating to the class meetings where proposed dates for our graduation and related matters were discussed. Any member of the class who is aware of the location of minutes, files, notes, records or documents pertaining to class business is requested to communicate with the 1920 Class Representative, Box 94, West Point, N. Y.

Bear in mind that eight sons of classmates are in the Class of '52 graduating next June. They are: Edgar A. Gilbert, Homer W. Kiefer, Jr., Leon E. Lichtenwalter, Jr., Willard L. McCullough, Corwin A. Mitchell (son of Carl E. Berg), William L. Mitchell, Jr., Thomas A. Rehm, and Peter C. Withers.

Hank Hodes, now Commanding General of the 24th Infantry Division in Korea, will succeed Maj. Gen. Horace L. McBride as Commandant of the Army's Command and General Staff College at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, in March.

Fred Hayden was relieved recently from duty as Commanding General, Ft. Bliss, Texas, and assigned to Fourth Army AAA and Guided Missiles Center, Ft. Bliss, Texas as Commandant.

The transfer of 2nd Lt. Donald J. Leehey, Jr., USMA '51, son of our Don, from Ft. Belvoir, Va., to FECOM has been noted in the past month.

I have been informed of the retirement from active duty in February of Jim Barney for physical disability. Best wishes Jim, and let us know where you are and what you are doing.

The following AP release is quoted in part:

"New Orleans, March 4, 1952. Governor-designate Robert F. Kennon announced his choice of those who will fill some of the key posts in his cabinet today.

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"*Wilburn V. Lunn*, a Shreveport attorney and West Point graduate, will be executive counsel. . "

Bill Mitchell (W. L.), with Mrs. Mitchell and young daughter, spent a week at the Point during last month. We all enjoyed a little get-togther at Charlie and Horty Wests' during their visit, which was designed primarily, of course, to see their First Classman son, W. L., Jr. Bill is to take over a training division at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas.

I note that Homer Kiefer is also to have a training division, the Ninth, at Ft. Dix, New Jersey. —*E. C. G., Jr.*

1921 and 1922

From the correspondence we know many Orioles are planning to be at West Point for the big reunion June Week. Others have had to put aside the idea because of pressure of other business. But everyone will be here at least in spirit; there are so few opportunities to get a large group of classmates together that we must use every means, telepathy included, to make June Week 1952 a memorable one.

Numa Watson, at one time ordered to Fifth Army in Chicago, is now Chief of Staff of the Fourth Army in San Antonio instead. D. J. Crawford is with the mission in Turkey, and Madeleine writes in glowing terms of life in Ankara. Barrett passed through Fort Bragg in January and found both the Leonards looking much too young and much too healthy to be thinking about retiring to that place they've fixed up for themselves in Williamsburg. The Granger Andersons had been through Bragg a short time before; Andy is now retired and they were just traveling about before settling down.

The Sesquicentennial is bringing Orioles to West Point. Max Taylor was here for the opening ceremony, and also gave the principal address when the Lee portrait was presented on January 19. On March 16, Wardlaw, Klein and Albert joined Branham and Perry Smith for Founders Day at West Point. That same weekend Mulvihill and Barrett were representing the Orioles at the Chicago West Point dinner.

Bob and Burt Pierce had their first grandson on Leap Year day, February 29th. The father is in Korea with the 45th Division. Bob will be at WP for the grandson's graduation about 1975, but can't make it this year because he's chief umpire of the Second Army maneuvers just then.

Morris and Connie Marcus acquired another grandson in November when Charlie and Durand presented Garry Owen Marcus for approval.

Slator Miller writes that he is looking forward to the reunion, his first since graduation. Bodine can't make it because the big days of the paint-selling year come just at that time. Prep school graduation of Toy Gregory's son will keep him away, and Wilson's two daughters will be taking their exams (one junior, one freshman) at Oklahoma University until May 29th, so the Wilson family will be late at West Point but they're coming anyway.

It has not been mentioned in previous reports but Al Price has a son in the Class of 1953. This late report is appended just to bring the record up to date.

See you June Week?

—*C. J. B.*

1923

At the 25 February meeting the Washington Group elected the following officers for the current year: Mike Buckley, Executive Chairman; Deke Stone, Secretary; Stewart Towle, Treasurer; Johnny Milton, in charge of social affairs; P. D. Weikert, Carter Magruder and Joe Greene, Executive Committee.

Recently Deke Stone drove up from the Pentagon to bring his knowledge of the Academy up to date and to attend to some class matters. However, before he had even arrived, there was a phone call summoning him to return. We did, nevertheless, have an enjoyable evening together, and Deke managed to transact some business before taking off the next morning.

At the 21 January luncheon in the Pentagon, Larry Barroll was present, being on a visit from Sweden to his brother in Washington. Stu Beckley was also there, having come up from Fort Bragg. Wade Heavey, who had been in Walter Reed Hospital, was reported on sick leave for a month.

Tredennick reported on his recent trip around the world. In Germany he saw Timberman, who is now CG 1st Infantry Division; Binns, Gunn, Goddard, Raymond, A. D., all in Heidelberg; Al Crawford and Clyde Rich in Wiesbaden with the Air Force. In Austria he saw Jim Fry; in France, Early and Glen Palmer with SHAPE; Biddle in London; in Japan, H. V. White, who is with G-2, FEC, and Nist, who is G-2, 16th Corps, Sendai.

Tred attended a dinner party at the Imperial Hotel with Hallock (on his way back to the States from Korea), Mergens (on his way to Korea), John Stodter (in from Formosa), Greiner (with the Army Security Agency), Louis Rutte (with G-1 Section, FECOM), and Wong (now a civilian employee with the Department of the Army in Tokyo). During the dinner, Wong gave a blow by blow account of his life since leaving West Point in 1923. He did not get to enjoy his dinner much because he was made to do all the talking.

Tred reported that he saw Eddie Kleinman in Yokohama where he is Chief of the Transportation Section, Japan Logistical Command, and in Honolulu he saw Don Hayselden, who is still running the National Cash Register business in the Territory.

At the 25 February luncheon in the Pentagon, White, W. W., and Conner, S. L., attended for the first time. Lou Marshall was making a return visit after an absence of several years; and Craigie had returned from the Far East. White was still located in New York, but was on a two-week's tour of duty with the Logistics Plans Division, U.S. Air Force, in the Pentagon. Steve Conner is now in the Office of the Chief of Ordnance. Lou Marshall is Deputy Chief, Armed Forces Information School, Ft. Slocum, N. Y.; and Craigie is now back in the Pentagon as Chief, R&D Division, USAF.

Roy Lord sent us a letter inclosing one from Battle Horton. Roy and Betty still live in Scarsdale and Roy commutes to his business in New York. He announced, "We have just returned (27 February) from a month and a half in Arizona and, believe it or not, I have been on horseback for at least 3 hours a day for that period of time. Don't know whether this is good or bad, but it has given me a bit of exercise and, as they say, has turned over the liver many times".

Battle Horton wrote from Frankfurt. In addition to those in Germany mentioned by Tredennick above, he included the following: Gjelsteen in Stuttgart, Tormey in Karlshrue, Serff in Frankfurt, Leone in Berlin; Uncles is Artillery Commander, 7th Army, and Phil Enslow is his Exec. Battle added, "My sister (Martha) and her husband were with us over Xmas and together with the Timbermans we went down to Berchtesgaden for five days. We really had a fine trip though a little strenuous for an old man. Timmy is hard to keep up with. Nancy, our little girl, aged 11, and Tommy Timberman, aged 12, went skiing but not me. Timmy, by the way, is a grandfather".

We have the distressing news from Deke Stone that Don Hayselden in Honolulu lost his 16-year old son, Donald, Jr. Deke did not know the cause of death. He wrote a letter of sympathy on behalf of the Class.

The Founders' Day Dinner of the 16th of March is described elsewhere in this issue, hence I will confine myself to listing those of the Class who were present: Vandenberg, Noyes, Wendell Johnson, Freddie Philips, Paul Hanson, John White and Bill Morton.

Charlie Barrett, Professor of Foreign Languages, was in Chicago for the Founders' Day Dinner there. He reported that it was practically a Class of '23 affair, and very well run too. Jim Short is the Secretary of the West Point Society of Chicago. Johnny Farrow was the cheer leader and kept the pot boiling all the time. Fritz Breidster was present, and Charlie heard many compliments concerning Fritz from all sides. They tried to get him to sing "Sipping Cider Through a Straw", but be begged off with the plea that he had forgotten the words.

—*W. J. Morton.*

1924

Clint Robinson, retired (Major Gen.), has been elected President and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Carborundum Company. Clint will retain his Washington residence since a considerable part of his time is taken up in travel, visiting widely dispersed Carborundum interests. Gus Watson (See Washington telephone directory) has expanded his Washington offices and will welcome a call from visiting bulls. Bob Paton, who recently attended a four day conference in the Pentagon, brought Helen and their two daughters, Peggy Helen (age 6) and Patricia (3), to the Nation's Capital for a short visit.

Slim McHugh has successfully fought his way out of Indinana University and now commands the 109th Infantry, 28th Division. He expects to be quartered at Augsburg, taking over Walter Buck's set of quarters, Jane will join him with the kids in June.

George Smythe is reported enroute from Germany to FECOM where he will command the 24th Division. Ray Beurket now at Ft. Meade, advises that Samouce, Guard, Schaeffer and Martin, D. D. are on duty at that station.

Les Simon, Chief of the Ordnance Research and Development Division, recently addressed the Harvard Club of Washington, D. C., his subject covering the transition from research and development stages to production.

Emer Cummings, Chief of the Ordnance Industrial Division, is principal Ordnance witness before the military appropriation committees, and has done an outstanding job on the Hill in defending budget requests for military needs including industrial plant expansions.

Gordon Textor, Assistant Chief of Engineers for Operations, recently returned from visit to Europe and North Africa, where he personally inspected many U.S. Army projects.

Elmer Itschner has returned from Korea where he was a Corps Engineer and reported as Engineer for 5th Army, Sorley has departed for Korea. Reggie Dean has been assigned as Engineer for 5th Corps, 7th Army EUCOM. Sam and Jerry Strohecker, both in the pink of condition, recently visited Washington.

J. Windsor Davis is residing at 1201 Woodside Parkway, Silver Spring, Maryland (Phone SLigo 3167). His charming wife Marie and two sons, Charles (age 22) and Larry (16) comprise the balance of the family. Charles, a junior at the University of Maryland, is majoring in Bacteriology while Larry is attending Montgomery Blair H.S. Windsor has been associated with the Transit industry since 1933 as a member of their Research Organization and Patent Law Dept. On or about 9 March, he will depart on an extended business trip to Australia, Japan, India, Italy, Belgium, Holland and Sweden. He hopes he will have the good fortune enroute of running into members of the class.

Kreidel recently visited Camp Gordon to spend a few days at the PM Training Center. Briant Wells is expected east from Los Angeles the early part of 1952. His son Briant III enlisted recently and is well on his way to become an officer candidate for Artillery.

The last news to arrive for this column comes from Wallace, E. C. and reads as follows, "I guess I'll break down and send in a bit of news seeing as how what's just happened to me normally only happens but once in a lifetime. I was retired for physical disability 29 February '52 at the end of a three-year detail as instructor for NYNG AAA units in Buffalo and Rochester, N. Y. I expect to remain in Rochester until the middle of April and in the East through June before migrating to San Gabriel, California, for residence. Wife Dorothy and daughter Helen will accompany and assist in the convoy. Son Richard expects to finish undergraduate pre-medical course at the University of Buffalo this summer and get in a year of graduate work there before enrollment in medical school next year.

"I saw the Vaughns, the Caywoods and Kidwell on Governors Island, where they were stationed during my short stay in Fort Jay Hospital before being shipped to Walter Reed for more serious consideration last December. Adverse conditions of one kind or another existing in Washington during my sojourn there precluded any contact with classmates much to my disappointment"

On a trip to the Far East in January, Sam Fisher had lunch in Korea with Bob Dewey, Bob is Chief of Staff of the IX Corps. Incidentally the Deweys have the youngest of the Thundering Herd (less than 6 months old). In Seoul, Sam had a talk with Russ Baker, who has taken Kay Stebbins job as G-4, Eighth Army. Mugger Ives from G-2 in Tokyo was also there. Hayden Boatner is Assistant Division Commander of the Second Division. In Tokyo, Sam met Ken Strother in the Imperial on his way to Gen. Ridgway's New Year's reception. Sam also had breakfast with Dutch Rothgeb, who is trying to get a combat job in Korea. Dick Stephens holds forth in Tokyo as Special Services Officer for F.E.C. While in Tokyo

Sam learned that Noah and Thelma Brinson had spent three weeks there in the late fall. Noah's trip was official business for the President Lines, of which he is Vice-President. In Honolulu Sam visited for several hours with Shorty Keeley and his wife. He is retired but working with the telephone company there.

Red Mead is in Washington with the Comptroller after his tour as Assistant Division Commander of the Third Division in Korea. Another late arrival in Washington is Kay Stebbins, who is with C.I.A. Jimmy Clyburn, who is running the Civilian Components Division at Fifth Army, visited Washington for a conference last week. He reported stars of '24 lunching together, Smythe, Eddleman, Stokes, and Hass.

Pete Hains recently returned from a visit of European countries and reported seeing several members of the Herd, all with interesting assignments and all very busy. In London while attending a social function, he ran into Howard Kessinger, Military Attache. "Kess' is reported as being very active and doing an outstanding job. Wendal Blanchard and Marcella rolled out the plush carpet in Brussels with not only entertainment but also a personally conducted tour to points of interest. At the time Pete reached Greece there was a small class reunion. Eddie and Virginia Hart entertained with Edith and Ralph Fisher, Howard John and the Loomis Booths. Eddie is Chief of JUSMAG, and has considerable to do with the development of the Greek Armed Forces; the Hart twins are planning to return this summer to the Holton-Arms. Ralph is Chief of the Air Section, Howard is the Military Attache and Loomis is still in the water business. In Turkey, Pete was given a fine reception by Duke and Lib Arnold, despite the fact that Lib had not yet fully recovered from a skiing accident. Bert Kuniholm was greeted in passing, while in a terrible hurry, having as usual a dignitary in tow. In Heidelberg, Pete had a pleasant visit with Barney Furoholmen, which was cut short when Barney had to depart to meet visiting brass. Jim Anding, who has been on Admiral Carney's staff, is rumored to be en route to Washington for assignment to the Office of Military Assistance.

Send in your dues now, but more important still, send in class notes. We want to build up this column each quarter so as to effect complete coverage prior to our 30th reunion. This should result in everyone feeling well acquainted when we gather at West Point in June Week of 1954 regardless of the number of years which have passed since we last saw one another. As you read this column make a mental note that the deadline for the next issue of *Assembly* is right now, so please spare just a few moments of your time to forward a few lines to "Class 1924 USMA, P.O. Box 371, Benjamin Franklin Station, Washington 25, D. C."

—*C. S. R.*

1925

The highlight of February's mail was correspondence from our observant and scholarly classmate, Haskell Hadley Cleaves. All of it was excellent reading, if you speak Anglo-Saxon, and part of it was printable. Here is the printable part: "For US Forces in Austria only two of us left here now. Matty Matteson returned to the States a couple of weeks ago and is to be G-1 at Fort Knox, I believe. Andy Barlow has command of our Infantry regiment here, the 350th, and I'm Signal Officer on the USFA staff, though I'm scheduled to report to OC Sig O in the Pentagon on 15 February to head up the Chief's Comptroller Division. Have been here only 15 months, like it very much, and Genie (wife) and I had many plans for travel which are now somewhat curtailed. Not to be entirely disappointed, we got to England and Scotland for ten days in November, having a wonderful visit"

In another note, from Salzburg, the ubiquitous Cleaves sent us a clipping about Ike Evans. It was a headline from EUCOM Stars and Stripes, which (after reluctantly deleting Cleaves' comments) we herewith quote verbatim: "Hoss Succeeds Brig Gen Evans as EUCOM Deputy QM" That's exactly what it said!

At West Point, Mike Espositos had a visit during part of Christmas Week from the Colby Myers', who were here to see their Plebe son. Also, Joe McMahan stopped in for a short visit during February. He looked fine, felt fine, and was as cheerful as ever. He is the State Commissioner of Public Welfare for Tennessee.

From Honolulu, Frank Steer sent a Christmas card signed "The 4 2/3 Steers". Frank's note voiced the confident hope that when the 2/3 becomes 3/3, it will be a boy. Frank reports seeing Red Hall, Renfro, Ron Shaw, Ackerman, and Crandall every now and then. He comments somberly that they are all so busy soldiering that they haven't time for a drink.

From the Presidio in San Francisco, Johnny (E.L.) Johnson sent us news from the West Coast, as follows: "Crombez is the Senior Army Instructor with the Oregon Military District. I haven't seen him since I arrived here in July, but I hope to get up to that part of the country some day soon. Ken Treacy is PMS&T at the University of Utah, Salt Lake City, and Jimmy Barnett is not far away from there as Commanding Officer of the Tooele Ordnance Depot. Art Peterson, recently retired, is living in the vicinity of Palo Alto, just south of San Francisco, Pierre Denson is Chief of Staff of the Western Antiaircraft Command at Fort Baker, across the Bay from San Francisco, and last week Olie Neprud joined Headquarters Sixth Army here at the Presidio, and is in the G-4 Section. Van Brunt came through recently on his way back from Korea, but I didn't have an opportunity to see him. I understand that Burton is still with the Roma Wine Company at Fresno, but I haven't seen him". Johnny adds: "If any of our classmates come out in this area, I hope they will let us know, and give us the opportunity of seeing them. I am hoping my son Douglas will be a plebe in July".

Dave Bradford is back in uniform again, this time in Formosa. He is Chief of Staff for the Army Section of the Military Advisory Group to the National Government of the Republic of China. He reports: "Our only local classmate is Joe Daugherty, who is doing a grand job as Chief of the Combined Services Forces. Remember Joe, ex-driver of the Goat Phil Section, composed of such intellectual giants as Brabson, Bradford, Peterson and Sears! I can still hear Ralph Sears heckle Joe by saying, 'Joe, ask your brother (the Phil instructor) when we are having our next Phil Writ'. Ed Kearns, Deputy QM G.H.Q. in Tokyo, came down from Japan recently to look us over and count our stock of peddicab tires. He reported seeing Mike Geraghty running a Q.M. Depot on Okinawa during his trip down to Formosa. I left my wife Peg and our 2 boys back in San Antonio before heading thisaway. Pat Noyes is still Air Inspector General for Jim Stowell's Continental Division of MATS, based at Kelly AFB. Pat was a lot of help in getting me lined up with air transportation to Tampa, Forida, to see my Dad before I left. Harry Larter is retired and having fun painting —in San Antonio. Harry is considered an outstanding authority on historic uniforms and accouterments. He made me a 'going away' present last fall of a lovely painting depicting my last public appearance as a steeple chase rider prior to busting my fanny at Fort Sill back in 1934. Said painting being based upon a photo of the event".

In Washington, the Pentagon contingent seems larger than ever. The January Class Luncheon was held at the Army-Navy Club with the following present: Baldwin, Bennett, Bigelow, Bryte, Cabell, Dunn, McCormick, Miller, Myers, Ordway, Pettit and Saltzman. (Charlie was down there for two weeks of active duty). Members not attending because they were out of town were: Barnes, Champlain, Holmes, Hopkins, Jones and Suttles. Others who could not attend even though in town were: Bird, Chamberlain, Evans, Lansing, Pheris, Ritchie, Scherer, VanBrunt and Whitted.

The February and March luncheons a permutation of the above, with no new names added. Off-hand, it looks as if almost the entire class must be in the Pentagon. However, not quite. Jack Chamberlain, who is Chief of our Washington News Bureau, reports that during February Hivey Bowers, en route to the Far East, dropped in to see Benny Bennett. Jack tells us the good news that Bill Ritchie is out of Fitzsimons Hospital, has put on weight, and looks like a million dollars. He is retired and living in Washington. Jack also passed on a rumor that Bobby Burns is in the real estate business in Alexandria, Virginia.

Sammy Lansing sent us some class press-releases from Washington, from which we have gleaned several items. First, he had a note from George McManus, who is with the First Army at Governors Island along with Bill Nutter, George Grayeb and Henny Margeson. George reported seeing Jerry Kelly at a National Guard Conference recently. He also reported that Bill Burbank was due to leave Fort Dix for a refresher course at Benning, prior to heading for the Far East. Wayne Smith is expected to head for the Far East shortly, and Bill Gillmore is expected to be at Fort Bragg very soon.

Sammy Lansing also reported that Ray Toms is now on civilian status working for the Air Forces; and that Don Mitchell (heretofore in the real estate business after leaving the doughboys) has recently been in Washington getting the low-down on a new assignment. As far as we could translate Sammy's paragraph, Mitchell was en route to Paris.

Sammy had word from Joe Cleland, who is with the 82nd Airborne at Bragg, to the effect that Porter Kidwell is A-1 at Pope Field, Sock Cole is Executive of the XVIII Abn. Corps Artillery, and Tyler Calhoun is Post Executive at Bragg.

Our final gleanings from Lansing's circulars are that Dwight Harvey is Executive of the Military District at Jackson, Mississippi, and that George Peploe has been ordered to Camp Cooke, California. Also, that Carl Dutton will move from Picatinny Arsenal to Aberdeen Proving Ground by early May, that Tyler Calhoun will go to the Far East in May, and that Wilmer Bennett will leave for the Far East in July, after 10 days at Fort Sill.

The last-minute news from West Point is that we had a good class turnout for the Founder's Day Luncheon and Ceremonies on 16 March. Those present were the Governers Island group mentioned above (McManus, Margeson, Nutter and Grayeb), Dunaway, Lord, Norman Smith, our honorary classmate Russell Alspach (Professor of English), Esposito and the undersigned. All looked in fine fettle. However, while standing beside Thayer's Monument in the raw March wind, we all wished that Thomas Jefferson had signed that bill in May, instead of March, in 1802.

That's all the news there is, either from here or abroad.

As Mike Esposito explained in the last issue, he and I are alternating on preparation of the Class Notes. For the next edition, contributions should be mailed to Mike at West Point. Whatever you send to either

of us, we promise to report with a 50% correctness rating if we are lucky. The deadline for the next issue of *Assembly* will be on June 10th, or thereabout. Therefore, all correspondents are requested to take note. Please send your contributions to Mike any time between now and June, the earlier the better. —*C. P. N.*

1926

The many friends of Erma Lucille Des Islets were shocked and saddened to hear of her sudden passing on the 8th of February. The entire Class joins in deepest sympathy to Bob and his son.

Tep Barbour has explained his absence from the reunion by reporting that he returned from Eniwetok after it was over. He speaks highly of his experiences with the Joint Task Force which he claims to be among the high points in his service. Tep is now on duty with the Army Security Agency.

The Class now has another cause for pride in the selection of Harry Storke to be a brigadier general. Congratulations Harry, we always knew you would make the grade and we are confident that your success will continue. Harry writes that he left the Standing Group of NATO in October and proceeded to Camp Desert Rock, Nevada, where he was Chief of Staff until just before Christmas. During the process, he participated in several "atomic exercises". He went next to Fort Lewis with III Corps Arty, where he was recommended for his star. When last heard from, Harry and his Corps Arty had moved to Fort MacArthur, California. His contact with classmates included a brush with General Creasy who, Harry says, was "sassy, demanding, and resplendent in his new one star". He also ran across Bill Hawthorne, Alec Sewall, and Kirchhoff, all of whom are mainstays of Sixth Army Headquarters.

Freddy Munson left the Joint Staff to take six months of French at Monterey, from whence he will move to Paris for duty in the office of the Army Attaché. It seems to me that Freddy had become quite an authority on Japanese, but of course he might just as well be well versed in French too, because they are in totally different theaters. Hal Forde is also scheduled to go to Paris in the same office.

Brookner Brady has left Washington for troop duty at Fort Ord. Chin Sloane returned from the Far East for re-assignment with the Joint Tactical Air Support Board at Fort Bragg. Parker Reeve writes that he has been on foreign service practically continuously since 1941 (except for three busy years at Fort Knox). He is now in Japan from which he reports, "because of my marrying so late in life, our children (yes, three boys and a girl) are the ages one's grandchildren should be and, I'm happy to say, take up a considerable portion of my time".

A letter from Bud Black broke a long silence for which he claims he was not responsible. In explanation he reports that he went to London for duty with the Navy in October of 1948, and the AG immediately disowned him. "At least," he argues, "repeated efforts on my part for correction of my forwarding address from some room in the Pentagon where I'd never been, met with very indifferent success." Bud is now a student at the National War College and is happy to be back in God's country.

From SHAPE arrived a very newsy letter from Rod Smith, who had just returned from ten days at the NATO Council meetings in Lisbon. There he saw Grace and Frank Miter and Doc Jones who showed him "true Portuguese hospitality, under sunny clear skies and balmy weather in February that would make even Southern Californians green with envy". Doc is succeeding Frank as Military Attaché. Frank has done a marvelous job, and the local brass voiced their sentiments by means of decorations and all the kudos. Both he and Grace spouted Portuguese like natives. In Paris, Rod reports that Bill House, Ankenbrandt (from Fontainebleau) and Bill Bowen join him for occasional '26 gatherings. When Freddy Munson and Hal Forde arrive, they plan to move the monthly Washington meetings to Paris.

Bob Nourse reports that the work in Panama is interesting and his quarters are "definitely adequate". The Nourse's live on a hill overlooking Balboa and portions of the Canal, and Bob claims that it is the coolest place in Panama. En route to the Canal Zone, Bob embarked from the same pier, at almost the same time as did Anky, who was proceeding to Europe. The unrehearsed reunion of these two ex-roommates took place on the pier, and then they went their diverging ways wondering where, when, and under what conditions fate would again throw them together.

Sparky Baird writes that his work in Washington with NATO Standing Group "has been and is most challenging and inspirational. Working with an organization which is concerned with making history furnishes many trials and tribulations". Sparky goes on to say that the growing pains of this new organization keep them all very busy.

Visitors at the Founder's Day Dinner at West Point on the 16th of March included Mal Kammerer, Stag Stagliano, and Hank Ross. They were augmented by the local contingent of Roy Herte, Red Reeder, and Vald Heiberg in partaking of a typical sample of good old mess hall fare. The cool and not-too-tender roast beef was tasted with nostalgia if not with relish.

FLASH!—The latest news available to this reporter is the information that the Air Force has recommended Herb Ehrgott, Sam Harris, and Jimmy Burwell to be brigadier generals. Congratulations from the Class, and may you all wear your stars with justified pride and satisfaction. —*E. R. H.*

1927

It is a pleasure to offer in this report, some news of several classmates we have not heard about in sometime. Ruby Hunter, retired these many years and residing at Belleair, Florida, wrote that he plans to be present at the Reunion. Frank Foster, retired, is making his home at 403 Olohana, Honolulu, T. H. Fred Thorpe out at Fort Hayes, Ohio, had a sudden and serious illness last fall but avoided Walter Reed by a most miraculous recovery. Janet Thorpe, who wrote on Fred's behalf, likewise reported that Jack West had not been very well and must subsist on crackers and milk. Harry McKinney got off the firing line after commanding a regiment in Korea and has taken up a training assignment in the vicinity of Pusan. Mac Miller is also in that vicinity, having arrived there in January. Mac settled his family in Alexandria, Va. for the duration. Bob White continues as artillery officer for Eighth Army. Ed Daly is scheduled to return from Korea in March but his ZI assignment has yet to be determined. Bob Wohlforth wrote in from his home at Ridgefield, Conn. but was short on news about himself. Dave Loughborough is with the Cornell Aeronautical Laboratories and Art Burghduff is with the Bell Aircraft Corporation, both at Buffalo, N. Y. Lee Washbourne pays a visit to the Pentagon from time to time from SAC Hq, Omaha. Gar Davidson made a recent trip to Europe and while there he visited Mary and Ray Bell at their home in Stuttgart. They both look fine and introduced their new son, born December '51. Gar states that he inspected the legs of young Bell, Jr. for football muscles and found them more than adequate. Gar also had the pleasure of seeing Baldy Hutchison, Freddie Brown, Palmer Edwards, and Marty Morin.

Jim Green was the Class representative 19 January at the Academy for the unveiling of the Lee portrait in the Library. Jim may not be with us for the Reunion since he has plans to attend an international educational conference in Europe beginning in May.

Congratulations to three more classmates who were promoted to BG on 8 March: Orrin Grover, Hq USAF; Ed Mechling, Hq Air Research & Development Command, Baltimore; and Chubby Doan, Assistant Division Commander, 1st Armored Division, Fort Hood, Texas. Jack Schwab likewise received a promotion in that he moved up to President, Eastern Region, Pennsylvania Railroad and is now living in Philadelphia.

Ed Farrand reports that he is a busy person commanding CCB, 1st Armored Division, Fort Hood. Buzz Howard will relinquish his job as Commandant, PMG Center, Camp Gordon, Ga. and expects to take over as Provost Marshal, FEC. Dutch Holland, ending his tour in Washington, will take over Buzz' job at the PMG Center. Ben Gray will depart the Office, Chief of Transportation for assignment to Hampton Roads POE, Norfolk, Va. Bill Pence, Olie Kyster and Frank Ostenberg will move over to EUCOM during May and June. A word of thanks to Frank for arranging the weekly Thursday luncheons at the Pentagon for the past three years. George Martin has volunteered to take over this chore. Kay and Van Moseley found that farming in Vermont was not to their liking and have established their residence at 3833 Military Road, Washington 15, D. C. Jack Hopper, who has been most successful in Washington, is moving his business and residence to Cocoa, Florida this spring. He has been most generous in our Chapter activities and he will be greatly missed. His New Year's party for the local contingent will long be remembered. Charlie Harrington was up from Langley Field and joined the group for lunch in January.

Woody Hocker, Olie Kyster and Bill Verbeck organized, in conjunction with USNA '27, a local class dinner-dance on 15 March at Fort McNair. Others attending were Asensio, Berrigan, Collins, Day, Garland, Griffith, Hines, Holland, Hopper, Kuter, Martin, McGown, Naylor, Ostenberg, Roth, Stanton, Stone and Thompson.

About the time that you read this report, the committee hopes to have in your hands the final dope concerning plans and arrangements for the Reunion. As could be seen in our January announcement, the program is not extensive but we think adequate and in keeping with other June Week events. After all, the main thing is to come, if possible, and relive and revive memories of kaydet days and friendships. Hope to see you at the Reunion. —*K. E. T.*

1928

Our congratulations to the "Cowboy" Rameys who are the proud parents of a son born in February if our information is correct.

We are also happy to know that Jack Hinrichs received his star on the 8th of March.

Classmates in the Washington area had the first of a series of quarterly luncheons at the Ft. McNair Officers Club on Monday, 10 March. Those in attendance were: Col. Forrest Allen, Col. Paul Breden, Maj. Gen. Buster Briggs, Col. Bob Browning, Col. Bill Browning, Col. Ralph Butchers, Col. Buz Butler, Col. Bill Caldwell, Col. Garry Coverdale, Mr. Charlie Curran, Col. Koehler Daley, Brig.

Gen. Freddie Dan, Col. Paul Gaven, Col. Roger Goldsmith, Col. Mac Gray, Col. Jim Green, Col. John Grinstead, Brig. Gen. Jack Hinrichs, Brig. Gen. Andy McNamara, Col. Jack Oakes, Col. Joe Potter, Maj. Gen. Roger Ramey, Col. Ed Reber, Col. Ben Shute, Mr. Walt Simon, Col. Dick Smith, Col. Jim Totten, Col. John Wadman, Col. Mercer Waeter, Col. Harry Wilson, Lt. Col. Les Wyman. Those who are now in the Washington area and were unable to be present at the luncheon are Howard Bunker, Howard Hastings, Ed Markham (retired), Mac McCutchen, John Sanford, Ralph Sievers and Norman Webb who is located as a civilian in Baltimore.

Forrest Allen, who was in Washington on a flying trip from his assignment with SHAPE, joined the party. Ben Shute's oldest son David, who graduated from OCS last May, is now in Korea with the Infantry. Wee Todd has left the area and is Commanding General of the Western Air Defense Force in Hamilton, California.

The next luncheon should take place the first part of June and if any of the class happen to be in Washington around that time we hope they will check with some classmate about the exact date so that they may be present for the lunch if possible.

Our mail bag has been "Very Slim" this time but we do have a letter from John S. Upham, Sr., Class of '03 which we quote. "A February service journal listed, among others, the name of John S. Upham, Jr. to be Brigadier General; and for duty with the ground forces of Denmark. He reaches the grade eight years earlier than did another Infantryman, his dad, reach that of Colonel." Johnny is now Chief, MAAG, Copenhagen, Denmark.

Bob Tomlin, who was retired and teaching law at the University of Florida, passed away suddenly with a heart attack a few days before Christmas. He was buried in Arlington and several of the classmates in Washington attended the funeral.

We note that George Willette will be Maneuver Post Commander of Camp Drum in early April. He has been in Korea.

On February 23 Peg and "Bill" Billingsley had the classmates in the vicinity for dinner. We had a fine time and thoroughly enjoyed the hand picked lobster—hand picked by "Bill"—those present the "Poo" Smiths, Felix Yosts, Johnny Morrows and Pete Calyers. The Smiths and Yosts journeyed over the Mountain from Stewart Field. Topics discussed included the 25th reunion and plans for a picnic at Round Pond in April for the sons in the Corps and guests. The sons in the Corps are: Hinricks and Shepps, '55; Briggs, VanNatta, Wilson, C. E., '54; Brentnall, Halterman, McLennan, Coverdale, '53; Boos, Bulger, Ludlam and Malone, '52.

As we close this column again we say drop us a line so that we can keep up with the gang. Anyone with an idea for celebrating the 25th? We would like to hear about them. —*P. D. C.*

1929

Three and one-half years of preparing these notes has convinced us that but for our graduated cadet Jupe Lindsey the Class of 1929 might and probably would not have had anything approaching the budget of class news in this space to which its years and dignity entitle it. To those foot-draggers who profess to be too busy to scribble a postcard or to dictate a short note telling what they are doing or whom they have seen, let us point out that the indefatigable Jupe, a regimental commander on the front in the Land of the Morning Calm, seems to be able to find the time to drop us a line.

From Jupe we learn that the devious maneuvers of Career Management have operated to force him to relinquish his command in order to become chief of staff of his division. Jupe added that Herb Vander Heide had a regiment in another corps. Bill Bullock was a division artillery officer. The Army headquarters included Hugh Mackintosh, QM, and Paul Elias, Ordnance Officer. Still backing up the line in Tokyo were Devere Armstrong, Tiny Jark and Bob Chard.

Glen Williamson advises that he is now with an aircraft manufacturing company in Camden, N. J. His home is at Tecumseh Trail, Medford Lakes, N. J. Glen extends a a cordial invitation to all members of the class in the Philadelphia-Camden area to come see him.

It remains only to announce that henceforth your editor will be Phil Draper who, as you know, is Graduate Manager of Athletics at West Point. Send him the dope fully and often. To all who have helped to keep this column supplied during the past few years, our best wishes, thanks — and "30" —*J. D. F. P.*

1931

Two Star General Mickey Moore, whose 100-yard dash record still stands at the Academy, has just taken over command of Clark AFB in the Philippines. Walter Gallup and Paul Burns are in Manila, Paul being shanghaied into the attache racket. Incidentally, Paul now has six children.

Deadeye Henry and Ben Turpin were at the Academy for the Founder's Day Celebration. Both of them are in New York. Don Yates has two stars still "meteorologying".

We regret to report that Joe Dickey is seriously ill in Walter Reed Hospital. He would appreciate a line from you.

The "Thirty-Oners" had quite a luncheon on St. Patrick's Day in Washington. Danek (real estate agent par excellence) is leaving Washington for Fort McClellan, Alabama.

Bobo Beishline and daughter visited US MA briefly. Jim Corbett's daughter was at USMA dragging, but—hold your hats, boys —with a Midshipman.

Fanny Bogart, the supply boy is a one star general. Nemo Lehrfeld, a died-in-the-wool doughboy, is in Korea commanding—of all things—the Fifth Cavalry Regiment Glenn Ferris is in Japan commanding the Thirty-Fourth RCT and Paul Chapel is holding down a JLC Transportation Desk. Johnny Inskeep and Raymond are with the OCAFF at Fort Monroe, Virginia.

Reports here indicate that five sons of '31 are due as cadets, namely, Turpin, Lehrfeld, Skidmore, another Hunter, and Lash. If the boys continue to follow in their father's foot-steps, it's going to mean some cash on the line for graduating son's gifts. Cash is always appreciated for the Class Fund.

Herb Mansfield is in Japan expecting to return to the States very shortly.

The following are at the Army War College at Carlisle Barracks in Pennsylvania: John and Janet Berry, Klemm and Norma Boyd, Bill and Betty Chandler, Joe and Mona Coolidge, Jack and Kay Daley, Bill and Gussie Hardick, Dick and Pat Harrison, Jim and Marge King, Percy and Margaret Lash, Dick and Ruth Lawson, Mervyn and Helen Magee, Clyde and Georgina McBride, Maggie and Mary Anne McGee, Moppy and Polly Perry, Ham and Betsey Peyton, Bob and Lib Quackenbush, Glenn and Mary Rogers, Gordon and Gretchen Singles, Sam and Marguerite Smellow, Bill and Charlotte Train, John and Bobbie Westermeier, Chuck and Helen Westpheling, George Wertz, Bill and Ella Mae Woodward. This conglomeration of "Thirty-Oners" seem to be enjoying themselves from the reports coming in. Class parties are frequent and have enticed Doc Welch from Valley Forge and Charlie and Virginia McNair from Valley Forge Military Academy.

Tom and Ruth Stayton are now at Fort Monroe. Tom recently returned from duty with the 3d Div Arty in Korea. Kinky and Marion Wilson and their seven children are expected at Governors Island sometime this summer from Hawaii.

Remember—let's have lots of information coming in for the June Week Issue. We have to depend on you "field soldiers" for dope.

—*Dickson and Waters.*

1932

The Twentieth Reunion of the Class of 1932—that's the big item for this issue of *Assembly*. The plans for the Reunion are rolling along fine and it promises to be the best ever. By this time, each and every classmate should have received a letter containing the details of the Reunion—if you haven't received yours, let us know and one will be sent to you post-haste. Also, if you haven't completed and returned the data sheet which was enclosed with your letter, please do so right now, so that we may make the arrangements necessary to insure that your visit here will be enjoyable. Nearly half the class has replied already, and most of them are coming.

One change has been made on the schedule of events. On Sunday, 1 June, instead of a Class Picnic Supper at Camp Buckner, as originally scheduled, we will have cocktails and a buffet supper at the West Point Army Mess beginning at 1800.

A few words about housing. If you stay in cadet barracks, you may bring your son, if he is at least fifteen years old, to stay with you in barracks,—so bring along your big boy! It looks now as though we will be assigned all or part of the Harriet Rogers Guest House for the housing of wives and children.

As for financing our activities, each returning classmate, as he registers, will be assessed a flat sum to cover the estimated expenses of himself, and of his wife and/or children if they accompany him, in connection with the cost of class activities.

Jimmy Godwin recently returned to the ZI after 3½ years in Germany. He and Frances, and Stewart and Jan, spent a few days at West Point before going to Washington where Jimmy will be stationed.

Wally Brucker reports that Ken Hobson, Karl Scherer, and Bob Schukraft are new arrivals in the Washington area. Congratulations are in order for Bob Landry, recently promoted to Major General, and for Ken Hobson and Moose Mussett, upped to Brigadier Generals. Bill Smith has been appointed Assistant Engineer Inspector General; Bill writes that he will be based at Richmond, but will probably be on the move most of the time.

Ken Zitzman, "Old Faithful" himself, (well, perhaps not so old), sends along the following report of what's doing in Paris:

"Slim pickings over here this quarter, but such as it is, voici:

"The Master of the Squares and Dean of Callers at the Carlisle Barracks Square Dance, Dog Lovers and Bird Watching Society reports that Hartshorn, Hillberg, and Geo. Power, with their nimble wives, are by far and away his most agile sextet. Sam and Eleanor Russell, who know their duty when they see it, have joined the London Squares. Probably explains an indignant letter to the editor I saw in the London Times which hotly denied that the American Square Dance is displacing the English Folk Dances.

"Jim Massy, an old hand with the lands and grooves, has been quietly doing a superior job as the Base Section Ordnance Officer at Orleans for the past two years. Now with the step up in activities here, he finds himself the big howitzer for installations that stretch from Bordeaux to the border.

"Tom Harvey, who thinks any piece of ice is a menace (and vice versa) unless it will fit into a highball glass, has a young son, Mike, on the Andover hockey team. Playing for Northwood last year at the tender age of 15, Mike racked up the first two goals against the Plebes, and this year is the leading scorer in Andover as this goes to press.

Over here, basketball, which was only invented in the first place to keep the Southern boys away from the hockey rink, continues to haunt us. At Paris American School (described in a recent issue of Life under the title "Wow, Quelles Babes"), young Ted Rees, who fortunately favors Mary rather than Click, was elected captain of the team, and my Kay something called (Gold help us all), Basketball Queen. Click, of course, deserves no better but I have always polished my B-plate, read the New York Times, and voted Republican.

"Pop Duncan, President Emeritus of the Washington Chapter, bought a brand new civilian suit after the war and then couldn't wear it because Bonzo was allergic to it. Seems it made Bonzo uneasy, and brother, when that 90 lbs. of boxer is uneasy, so is everyone else in the room".

—*Ed Burke.*

1933

Some classmates figure that the pay raise is strictly "Pentannagon" and add another tax exemption—Jean and Hal Richey acquired their fourth son last December; Hal is a big wheel in the Work Clothes Corp., El Paso, Texas. Constance and Garry Porter introduced Dianne to the world in February. Garry is Assistant Comptroller at First Army. Jake and Dotty Messersmith, who ran the local bingo parties, yelled "bingo" in February for a daughter Mary.

The local Founder's Day activities produced but four visiting firemen, Butch "Band-Aid" Baumer, George Gretzer, Charlie Wynne and Bear Eyler.

In December the Washington Chapter elected (railroaded) its officers for '52. Bill Quinn, President; Spic Gandia, Veep, and Red White, Sec-Treas. Bill started the new year off with a bang by gathering the following for a luncheon at McNair: Ackers, Ashworth, Beck, Bellican, Boswell, Breit, Cahill, Clarke, DeGavre, Dolph, Ely, Fairchild, Gandia, Gibbs, Gillon, Hackman, Harrell, Harris, Hartel, Henley, Hurlbut, Jackson, Kleitz, Longley, McMorrow, Meyer, R. D., Meyer, R. J., Moorman, Parker, Polk, Quinn, Rothwell, Sibley, Summerfelt, Shinberger, Travis, Tripp, Truesdell, Versace, Welling, Starbird, Pearson and Edwards. Roy Reynolds apologized for not being able to attend and he claimed to be slightly busy Commanding Bill Quinn's old regiment in Korea.

Henley and Akers spearheaded a dinner dance at McNair in early March. 126 Bodies were present and from all reports they were limp before a very successful party was over.

The Ashworths visited the Van Ways recently and furnished a first hand report on Pete Jackson. Pete is running a 50 acre farm near Manassas, Va. (Bull Run). When a cow drops a calf, Pete just tells the JCS that he is busy holding off the rebels at the third battle of Bull Run and expects to move his CP to the Pentagon about noon.

Ed Thorlin recently gave a series of lectures to the First Class on the latest tank developments. The thirty-threers that attended got an hour's credit for TI&E. Ed drove a test buggy up from Aberdeen and the next morn the MP's were seen pushing same around the reservation (no antifreeze?).

George Beeler was reinterred at Arlington on 4 February. Shinberger conducted the graveside services and Hurley made all of the arrangements.

Russ Broshous recently received a letter from Frank Zeller, currently stationed at Hq Allied Forces, Southern Europe, Naples, Italy. He and George Powers have been there since August. Frank is due for Stateside service in July.

Charley Thayer is with the Office of the US High Commissioner for Germany, Box 740, APO 80, New York.

Alston Grimes, until recently a member of the G-2 Section of FECOM, has recently assumed command of the 8th Cav Regt.

Spic Gandia sent me a barrel of poop, saying that Neil Wallace is assigned to the Joint Chiefs, Sim Whipple G-2, Moe Edwards G-3. Pugh Pearson temporarily in Wash preparing to be Chief of Mission to Argentina. Wolf Larson has cleaned up the smog around Los Angeles but who sent the rain? Spic will gladly forward any dope along to me. His address is 1509 South 20th St., Arlington 2, Va. Red White has all the local Washington addresses and his is 3715 Upton St., N. W., Wash., D. C.

The New York City area has seven classmates at the moment. Gretzer, Porter, G. W. and Pat Guiney are at Hq First Army; Lothrop is on the staff at the Armed Forces Adm. School, Fort Slocum; Bill Given is Comptroller at Fort Monmouth; Bill Fritz is with the N. Y. Nat'l Guard Staff and Pinky Webster is at Mitchel Field.

Not sure, but believe that Bill Due is stationed at Fort Bragg and Bob Blanchard is with the Special Weapons Project at Sandia.

—*C. H. M.*

1934

The most complete and authentic bits of news available at the moment came in letters from widely separated locations. Alex Stuart wrote from Ankara, Turkey, on January 13th, telling about his pleasant two-year stay there. The Stuart family apparently enjoyed the assignment very much, and the three youngsters thrived in the healthy climate. Mim kept active by acting as secretary and general "operator" of the local school board. On a trip to various parts of Europe the Stuarts dropped in on Betty and Charlie Johnson in Rome, and found the Johnson family fully enjoying their attaché assignment. Alex reports that Clark Lynn has had a field training team job in Turkey, apparently a rather strenuous occupation. The Stuarts are headed for Washington, where Alex is to be in the Maintenance Branch, Field Service Division, Office of the Chief of Ordnance.

At the same time Alex was writing in Turkey, our faithful Caribbean reporter, Stilson Smith, was doing his stuff in the Canal Zone. Smiths, too, are due to return soon to the U.S., after a three-year stay in Panama. Stilson had recently made a trip to Puerto Rico, where he found Stacy Gooch on the job at Fort Buchanan. He reports also that Hank Ebel is a member of the Army Mission at Caracas, Venezuela, and that Dan Still, formerly stationed in Guatemala, had visited in the Canal Zone before taking off for a new job with the mission in Cuba.

On 13 March Miles Chatfield drove over to West Point from his station at Springfield Armory, Springfield, Mass. As guest speaker for the USMA Department of Ordnance he gave five lecture performances to groups of First Classmen, bringing them up to date on latest developments in the field of small arms. He was able to take enough of a breather to get together with the local 1934 chapter for lunch at the West Point Army Mess, and he also attended the Founder's Day dinner on March 16th before returning to Springfield.

At the end of January Tom McCrary brought his Georgetown University rifle team to West Point for a match with the cadet riflemen. Since he was transporting half the team in his own car and his lads were anxious to take in the bright lights of the big town, Tom's stay was short and snappy. He did have time, though, to tell a couple of stories about his current assignment. A while back Tom tried to organize a wrestling team at Georgetown. He even mixed it up with the boys himself, showing them a few airplane spins. For the next two days he was unable to move, and the new activity soon waned. Tom attributes the latter difficulty to the unwillingness of his young men to observe strict training!

A recent issue of the weekly *Army-Navy-Air Force Register* shows one John B. Cary as promoted to Brigadier General in the Air Force. We conclude that this is no other than our own John Burroughs, and we congratulate him on behalf of all of '34. More power to you, John!

Jeannine and Hank Sebastian are the proud but somewhat surprised parents of twins, a boy and girl combination, born at the West Point hospital in the latter part of January.

Ted Hoffman is stationed at Headquarters CIC Center, Fort Holabird, Baltimore 19, Maryland. Ken Kenerick was, as of Christmas 1951, still situated at Fort Bliss, Texas, despite rumors of a hasty overseas departure last summer. Address: 538 Dickman Road, Fort Bliss. Chick Andrews returned from Korea last fall and is now an instructor at the Artillery School at Fort Sill. Bill Stone returned from Wiesbaden to Washington for about one month of temporary duty at AF Headquarters during February. According to fairly reliable rumors, Tom Crystal, who has become quite a traveler, was involved in the NATO conferences in Lisbon in February.

We read in one of the service papers that Dan Heyne took a trip to the Far North this winter with a group from Army Field Forces. Dennis McMahon attended the West Point dinner in Chicago on March 15. Lou Walsh, a regimental commander of the 11th Airborne, participated in Exercise SNOWFALL at Camp Drum in January and February.

Moon Northam wrote from Tokyo at Christmas time. Nancy and the children were all set at that time to leave Falls Church, Va., and join Moon in Tokyo. We assume they're now old Japan hands. Dud Wilmeth wrote on March 23d, sending glowing accounts of the '34 role in Tokyo's West Point dinner. Class members in Tokyo are: Cheston, Kushner, Lardin, Moorman, F. W., Mullen, Northam, Rusteberg, and Wood. Dud heads for home about 1 May after four and a half years in Korea and Japan.

—*W. J. R.*

1935

John Gloriod sent a copy of GO 77, 1951, Headquarters, European Command, announcing that the Fliegerhorst Kaserne, in Mannheim "is designated the WILSON D. COLEMAN BARRACKS, in honor of Lieutenant Colonel Wilson D. Coleman, 019914, 41st Armored Infantry Regiment, United States Army, who was awarded posthumously, the Distinguished Service Cross, for extraordinary heroism in action against the enemy on 30 July 1944, in France".

Gloriod is Executive, MAAG, Netherlands Army, c/o American Embassy, The Hague, Netherlands. The class is still maintaining a strong force overseas in Europe. Russ Hawkins is with 7th Army NCO Academy (APO 407, c/o P.M., N.Y.). Deke Moore is Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff, A2, USAFE and the '35 representative in Wiesbaden. Gene Orth is Executive Officer, G2, 7th Army and Rip Lashley is in the same Headquar-

ters. Bud White, Osmanski, Russ Smith, and Baldy Bare are all in Headquarters, EUCOM. Our Engineer members are over in strength; Nat Martin is Deputy Engineer, EUCOM Com Z, Orleans, France; Rumsey is District Engineer of Verdun-Metz District; Stan Johnson is at Engineer Intelligence Center near Heidelberg, and Armogida, who had been Commandant of the EUCOM Engineer School was due back in the States in February.

We are sorry to pass on the information that McGehee died just before Christmas, after a long illness. He had been living around Washington.

On the Pacific side, Noel Cox has a regiment in Korea. Burnis Kelly was ordered to FECOM upon completion of his course at the Armed Forces Staff College. The Ruhlens and Griffin, Skinrood and Alfrey are in Tokyo, while Fred Cummings is with MAAG, Saigon, Indo-China. Walter has an Anti-Aircraft group with a c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, California address. Marge and Gene, Jr. are living in River Edge, New Jersey, near the Murrins.

Bill Freudenthal has just left the West Point group, retired for physical disability. He plans to try Ireland as a home for a while. Jack Hickman was at Walter Reed in December, also being retired for physical disability.

The Class has a large group at the War College at Carlisle. The roster is Worthington, Caughey, Cole, J. D., Bassitt, Kimbrough, Maroun, Murdoch, Jeffus, Rogers, C. A., Root, Spring, Weld, and Wheeler. Our Class ought to have a fair representation for the next few years since we are all reaching that middle age necessary for the War College. Boyle and Booth, R. M., are stationed at Leavenworth.

Shower is I.G. of the 15th Air Force at March Air Force Base, while Wilson, J. V. G., Davis, L. I., and Art Fickel are all at Headquarters, ARDC in Baltimore, Maryland. Ken Berquist is with Air Defense Command, Colorado Springs, and Baynes is the C.O. of Holloman Air Force Base, Alamogordo, New Mexico.

Davis, J. J. is with Headquarters Reserve Command, First Armored Division at Fort Hood, Texas. Bud Russ is still in Bragg and Growdon is at AFF Board Number 2, Fort Knox. Thayer has been ordered from Watertown, Massachusetts, to Red Stone Arsenal, Huntsfield, Alabama.

We have word from a few of our classmates who are out of the Service. Harris, A. C. is living in Nampa, Idaho. Liessman is in Santa Fe, New Mexico and says he will hold open house for any classmate who drops in. Brearley sent in his dollar contribution for the Class Kitty, giving a Philadelphia address.

The post cards Don sent out during the winter have been the source of practically all our material in this issue. Keep the news coming in to us. —*J. W.*

1936

The Sesquicentennial has not attracted many '36ers back to the banks of the Hudson. Fred Bothwell and Ken Madsen were here for the Navy basketball game. Ben Whipple joined Jack Daly, Red Holton, Cecil Spann and myself for the Founder's Day luncheon in Washington Hall. Micky Mikkelsen and Dave Hiester have both been here recently, looking for a roost for their families when they leave for the Far East in the near future. I understand Dave bought a lot and intends to build, but don't know how Mickie's luck turned out.

Fran McElheny, (thanks to her for her regular letter), reports from Carlisle Barracks that the gang there has burned the last of the midnight oil in getting in their individual studies. They are now looking for orders and rumors are thick and heavy. Westy Westmoreland has been hopping about to observe maneuvers at Camp Drum, is now on the Long Horn maneuver in Texas. Nap Duell and family, of Ashland, Ohio, looked as though civilian life agreed with them when visiting Westy recently. Cliff and Maxine Cordes visited the Harveys and brought the AWC '36ers up to date on class doings in Washington. Oren and Vera Swain and their four boys arrived at Carlisle Barracks in January and he is post executive officer. Congrats to the following parents: the Paiges—a girl; the Katzes—a girl; the Mileses—a boy; and the Kerkerings—a girl —also to Ted and Peg Clark who have adopted a boy in Germany.

Caye Curran brings us up to date on the Washington '36ers. The dance I reported on in December was snowed out. However, Rip and Barbara Landry rescheduled it for February and that one turned out to be a big success. Tuck Partridge who is residing in Maryland while Bob is in the Far East, visited Bill and Betty Connor in Washington recently. Caye lists the following in the Washington group: W. C. Barrett; J. M. Bartella; H. K. Benson; C. Billingslea; A. P. Clark; C. V. Clifton; T. W. Cooks; C. E. Cordes; R. F. Curran; H. G. Dalton; B. O. Davis; T. R. Davis; W. A. Davis; R. C. Dickens; G. H. Duin; P. W. Garland; E. G. Hahney; T. J. Hayes; W. Hiatt; G. A. Hoglund; J. M. Illig; A. M. Jacoby; T. Janof; W. W. Jones; W. H. Kinard; W. C. Landry; L. Laurion; E. E. Lockhart; E. W. Miles; C. B. Millikin; W. Milne; H. A. Morris; J. J. Nazzaro; C. M. Pack; H. P. Persons; C. M. Prosser; W. E. Sievers; C. L. Simpson; E. Thompson; H. E. Mikkelsen; K. F. Dawalt; H. R. Low; H. R. Connor; C. Waters; J. Gunn; D. Noake; E. G. Beggs; A. E. McCormick; Ned Norris; W. T. Ryder; and F. R. Sibert. Caye says the wives get together once each month, so be sure to have the better half report to Caye when you arrive in Washington. We're certainly sorry to hear that Dot Duin is in the hospital and hope that she will be completely recovered and home with Gery and their two children soon. Tommy Lawlor is in Lebanon, from which Ned and Grace Norris have recently returned. The Lipscombs are at SHAPE, Pete and Lois Kieffer have gone to Fort Huachuca, and Dave Edwards has gone to EUCOM. Thanks, Caye—will be looking for these reports regularly, and you aren't threatening but pleasing me by saying you'll send one in.

Betty Gans, (thanks to her, also, for her regular and frequent reminders), reports that Walt Faiks should be added to the European group at SHAPE (ALFCE) APO 11, NYC; seems the Faikses saw Monteith, Safford and Inch Williams over the Christmas holidays. Betty says Rudy now has twenty points in Korea and hopes to be in Japan in May.

Dud Hartman has been in Walter Reed Hospital but Dutch, the last time I saw her, said he was getting along fine. The Spanns, Holtons, and Sutherlands expect to depart during the summer but haven't received orders as yet. Our group, although there are only seven of us here, had a luncheon at WPAM during the Christmas holidays and hope to get together for a dinner during the month of April.

THE NULAID NEWS, Red Bluff, Calif., for Dec. 1951 carried an article on '36er Irwin "Buck" Rogers and his 1300 acre ranch. Seems he started out raising beef cattle but has changed to hog raising. Wonder if he cures the hams with hickory smoke, as we do down in old Kentuck'?

Ted Clifton reports that while on the NATO Conference in Lisbon he saw John Torry (MAAG), Bev Powell (London), and Garnet Lee (leaving for Germany shortly afterwards). Ted also said that Bob Burnett was coming to Washington from Puerto Rico and that Bob's family would follow him to Washington after the school year was over; that Daddy Broyles was in the Office of the Secretary of Defense in Washington and Charlie Pack in G-2.

That's all the news I have this time. Will see Larry Ellert in Cleveland during April. Hope that more of you will drop me a note with info for the next column. Happy spring fever from all the '36ers at West Point. —*Jim Billy.*

1937

Turning a neat trick, I will now make reference to the second dope sheet on our forthcoming reunion. This is a neat trick because this dope sheet has not yet been written at the time these notes go to press. To all of you who have received this final (we hope) information on our reunion and who have answered, our thanks. To those of you who have received this communication and who have not answered, do something! If any of you who read this have not received your reunion information or know of a classmate or ex-classmate who has not heard from us, please drop a note to this effect at once to either Register (Dept. of Mechanics) or Spaulding (1802nd Sp. Regt.).

Early, or rather not too late, returns to the first reunion bulletin indicate 53 classmates and 28 wives as returning, probably returning or possibly returning. This looks to the local contingent like a pretty good start. Where are the rest of you guys? (Yeah, I know, overseas—where I'm most likely headed.) Any and all reunion questions should be addressed to the above-listed suckers.

A letter from Stu O'Malley from the "Halls of Ridgway where activity runs at a pace not unlike the five o'clock rush on the 7th Avenue subway" gives us a little dope on the Far East contingent. Bob Van Volkenburg, Secretariat, General Staff, SCAP, was reported headed back for the USA in the near future, and we trust he made it. E. Y. Burton and Marty Green are reported G-3-Planning. Walt Conway, our correspondent in a previous issue, is alleged to be a new man since Doris and the kids joined him, although he is still G-4-ing. Roy Lutes and Roy Heffelbower are in JSPOG, whatever the devil that is. Jack Montgomery is a confrere of Stu in the G-2 racket in Tokyo. We now have confirmation of the rumor that Poop Connor has finally gotten command of the Rock-of-Chickamauga Infantry Regiment. George Sloan, formerly CO of the famous Wolfhound Infantry Regiment, is now in G-3, EUSAK. As most of you have read in your local newspapers, Jack Van Vliet was yanked back from FECOM to tell Congress all about what happened some years ago in the Katyn Forest. Carl Lyons has escaped from FECOM and is now at Fort Bragg. Bill Lewis, having fit his share of the war with an Engineer Group in Korea, is now rivering and harboring somewhere in the USA. Thanks much, Stu, and we hope that you make it back for the reunion, as you rumor.

A large PIO release from his own headquarters tells us that Jack Donohew is now the CO of Clark Air Force Base in the Philippines.

I have a much delayed letter from Charlie Stark. It was delayed in the first place because Charlie put a wrong address on it and is further delayed because it arrived just after the deadline for the last issue. He tells us that he is now commanding a Wing in Japan.

Bud Hines reports the latest changes in the class organization in Washington: Luke Hoska as president, Eph Graham as secretary and Coy Curtis as treasurer. He also tells us that Bob Marr has left Washington to be CO of an artillery group at Fort

Lewis, that Max George is at Albuquerque as an atomer and that John Cone has come to G-4 from an uneasy spot in Detroit.

A welcome letter from Hal Hallock reports himself fat and happy in the District Engineer's Office in Fort Worth, Texas. He reports Battle Barksdale at Fort Bragg, George Murray in Yokohama, Obie Oberbeck in Albuquerque, Bob Gildart in Heidelberg, Bill Chenoweth somewhere in the Pacific in the atomic racket and Tommy Compton in Oslo, Norway. He also tells us the unhappy news that Jack Chapman has been retired, cause not indicated, and is job-seeking in Texas. Our sympathy and best wishes, Jack.

Gleaned from recent service journals: Carroll Wood from Camp Roberts to FECOM; Ed Teeter from Washington to EUCOM; Milt Clark from Bliss to Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, Alabama; and Jay Abercrombie detailed in the IGD at Fort Belvoir. Also congratulations to the Peales on their new daughter, Lisa Mary.

The latest local event was the Founders' Day Celebration here on 16 March. Attending, in addition to the local crew, were Buck Forney, Ray Rumph, Bob Seedlock and Paul Cullen.

Come and see us June Week.

—*Lorry and Ed Spaulding.*

1938

After the publication of Nev Howell's confidential, but hilarious, minutes of the September class meeting in the recent *Assembly*, Jacunski made a belated Lenten resolution in the latest meeting never to open his ample mouth for the record. At that point, Learman was seen gesticulating violently with his fourth can of beer and was heard to exclaim: "Some people, and I'm not mentioning names, have jointly and severally taken me severely to task for spreading our private minutes to the four winds. Some people don't have any sense of humor. * * *" About an hour later the meeting was adjourned, with the general feeling that not much had been accomplished, but that it had been the noisiest gathering on record.

On the local West Point scene, summer will find only eight classmates holding down Fort Put, Delafield, and environs. Bixby, Amick, Miller, Harrington, Machen, Learman, Brownlow and Jacunski stay, while Jenkins, Collins, Howell, and Irvin are leaving for parts currently unknown. Nev Howell has a sneaking suspicion that he is going to the MP school as a student, a just and fitting reward for the Assistant Commandant of the same school on his last tour of duty. All of which shows to go that career managers must be equipped with 20-80 hind and foresight.

The local gang are having a clamless clambake in conjunction with the '39's and '40's at Camp Buckner on the Monday before Graduation on 2 June. Members of the clan from more distant chapters are cordially invited to attend. Birdsey Learman is managing things and confidently awaits your subscriptions and down payments.

Tracy and Dottie Harrington have just taken off on a late winter cruise to Bermuda and have their more hearth-bound classmates mottled with envy. While there they expect to see the Bromleys. Dick is C.O. of the local Air Force Base and, of all things, is getting credit for an overseas tour.

Confidentially, the problem of our Fifteenth Reunion Yearbook is being bandied between Washington and West Point chapters like a hot rock. The way is wide open for some bright-eyed and eager volunteer(s) to step forward and cool the rock as well as G. O'Connor's britches.

Frank Glace reports through Jacunski that he returned in early January from a five weeks junket through England, France, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Trieste and North Africa, beating the drums for Sears. Somewhere en route he picked up a serious virus infection which laid him low and last reports have him running the Foreign Trade Development Division by mail and telephone from his bedside. Frank saw Jim Isbell at Ruislip, which is just outside of London, and also rode a commercial airline with Terry Craig from Rhein-Main to London. The Craigs had their fourth son in November. While in Trieste, Frank said he had a quick phone conversation with Frank Izenour.

Latest intelligence from the cellars of the Pentagon indicated that the Class is really bedding down in Washington and vicinity. Ben and Elsie Sternberg are rumored to be new house-owners, as are Pat and Bob Works. Not to be outdone Mary and Joe Missall are having a house built and expect to move in it by July. Jim Mrazek converted an attached garage on his house into a beautiful pine-paneled den complete with bar. The final result, which is said to be a knockout, apparently fails to correlate with a possibly unfounded rumor that four years ago, Jim was hoarding discarded refrigerator crates for use as furring strips in this ambitious undertaking.

More news from Washington—John Corley, now at Fort Monroe with the Field Forces, dropped in for the February Class Luncheon at the Pentagon and reported that C. H. Anderson recently left Leavenworth to make a brief inspection tour of Korea. Bob Demitz, who is on the faculty of AFSC, also paid a quick visit to the Pentagon. Greg Lynn graduated in January from the AFSC and has settled in Arlington. John Norris finishes the Language School at Monterey this summer and is expected to report to Washington and the Strategic Intelligence School sometime in August. John is slated to go to Prague, Czechoslovakia sometime late in the year. Shirley Zohrlaut is living in Arlington, waiting for George to return from Korea.

Dallas Haynes has bought himself a '36 Ford as a work car upon which he lavishes affection and treats as though it were a brand new Cadillac. Current gossip has it that when Dallas drives up in it to the front door of the Army-Navy Country Club, the eagles on his shoulders blush and cringe and curl their feathers in embarrassment.

Roy Brischetto, who is on the faculty of the Air War College, came through with considerable news on our Air Force classmates around Maxwell Field. Jim Luper, Glenn Coleman, Mo Lemon, John Pitchford, Jim Isbell and Neil Van Sickle are currently scheduled to report to Maxwell for the 1952-53 AWC Class beginning in August. Frank and Dottie Sturdivant have adopted a four months old baby boy whom they have named Thomas Rogers. Mert and Gene Kelsey stopped at Maxwell on their way to Brazil. Freddie Dean, of bachelor, pigeons and Cadillac fame, recently lectured at the AWC and returned to Hq USAF, where he is stationed. Carter Duncan and Virgil Zoller, both of whom are currently stationed at Pope Air Force Base, N. C., visited Maxwell in late February. Duncan is I.G. of the 9th Air Force, having just returned from two years of plush living in Brazil. Zoller is also a recent returnee from overseas, having been C.O. of a Night Attack Wing in Korea. Howard Kenzie recently lectured on Intelligence at the Air University. He is currently stationed in the Intelligence Division, Hq Strategic Air Command.

Hot cakes right off the Air Forces griddle —Nick Chavasse, Ski York and Bill Strand, who will graduate from the AWC in May, have recently been given their new assignments. Nick goes to Hq, Air Weather Service as Chief of Staff; Ski York to the Office of the Director of Intelligence, Hq USAF and Bill Strand as Director of Intelligence, 3rd Air Force, USAFE, with station in London.

The entire class was shocked to learn of the death of Ed Rogner in an airplane crash just before Christmas. Ed was stationed at Barksdale Air Force Base at the time. Interment services took place at West Point with his classmates stationed here acting as honorary pallbearers. Our deepest sympathy is extended to Kay, the children and to Ed's parents.

Quick notes from here and there. Vince Elmore has settled down as Attache in Cuba. From all reports he is living in fancy surroundings, the fireworks of a few revolutions notwithstanding. John Tillson is assigned to G-2, VII Corps, in Germany and expects his family to join him this spring. Al Frolich is living in the Bee Hive at Leavenworth and is said to be accumulating A's with his usual regularity. Castex Connor is Deputy C/S for Materiel, Hq Air Training Command, Scott AFB, Illinois.

Mental orchids to Mary Missall, Roy Brischetto and Mel Russell, whose letters produced much of the current intelligence, and dandelions to the rest of you who write about as often as I do. —*Ed Machen.*

1939

Founder's Day saw several '39ers in from the hinterland—Jarvis Jordan up from Jersey, Clarence Seipel in from Connecticut, and Dick Cleverly up from Governors Island, where he is stationed as a JA, having recently graduated from law school. News from FECOM continues scarce, but here is word from several recently returned: Sammy Kail did his stint as ExO of 7th Infantry, 3d Division and is now PMS&T at Niagara University, Niagara Falls, N. Y. Constant Troiano, back from Japan, recently joined Fifth Army Hq as ExO of the Organized Reserve Branch in the G-3 Section. The PIO blurb says Conny went to FECOM in 1947, serving in Korea and Japan. Phil Davidson just reported in from Tokyo to USMA, for assignment to the Dept. of MA&E.

Bel Evans protests that the "civilian" school he was reported as attending in the last *Assembly* is the Naval Postgraduate School at Monterey, California. Sounds like the next best thing anyway—how is the beach, Bel? A Sep 1951 clipping from the Lone Star Scanner reports that E. B. Maxwell had just taken command of Carswell AFB, where he has been stationed since 1949. His address is 5633 Malvey, Ft. Worth, Texas. With him are Thelma and their three children, Tommy, 8; Bobby, 3; and Beverly, 18 months.

Walter Higgins, with Ann and their son Bobby, passed through here in January. Walter had just returned from Hawaii where he commanded an RTC between rounds of golf. He was on his way to the current class at the AFSC in Norfolk where Hudgins and Gibbons were also slated to be students. Walter reported that Spragins and Dannemiller are at Hq AFF, Ft. Monroe, and that he left Hackett, Madison, and Foerster still in Hawaii, while Bill McCaffrey is at the Army War College.

Galen Eaton wrote a long letter from Chicago. Retired in 1946, he spent another two years in hospitals between then and 1950. Gale is now studying for his MA degree in sociology at Loyola U. in Chicago and plans to continue on for a PhD at an eastern school. He wants to get into college teaching eventually. Gale says he has lost contact with classmates and would like to hear from them. His address is: Frances Hotel, 5054 Winthrop Ave., Chicago.

The following short note came in recently from Maj. Harry de Metropolis, 70th Battalion, Ft. Meade, Md.—"Could you supply me a list of names and addresses of our

classmates so that my publisher may send circulars to them announcing the publication of my book?" How is that for arousing curiosity? Well, the list went out, now hurry up with the circulars, Demo!

—*Louis Kunzig.*

1940

Having resigned myself to the fact that our particular class relies on the spoken word rather than the written, I am content to count my blessings and I find them in the Christmas mail bag. Frank Devlin, commanding the 2nd Bn of the 351st Infantry Regiment in Trieste, writes that he hopes to be home in the spring. Bonham is at Fort Richardson in Alaska where he is a J-4. Aaron Cook is the only other classmate in the ice-box area. However, Bonham reports that Bob Strong flew in from Canada but then flew out again. Bob Raleigh still interested in putting together a complete movie reel of cadet life. If anyone wants to lend their film to the project get in touch with me. Bob is still in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Ed Fitzpatrick is way down south in Buenos Aires where he is Assistant Army Attache at the American Embassy. Big John Coontz is living at 399 Urban Road in Reno, Nevada. He is the Senior Army Instructor of the Nevada National Guard and would be happy to have any classmates drop in and see him. Jim Loewus is also near John as PMS&T at the University of Nevada. John is living next door to Anderson, Class of 1892. Tony Wermuth is still at Headquarters EUCOM and lives in Heidelberg. Made trip to Paris and Brussels recently. Bill Porte is with the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York with offices in Milam Building, San Antonio, Texas. He lives at 533 Castano Avenue. He saw Zeke Summers and Hank Norman lately. He is still looking for Bill Wright. Chuck Esau writes from Rhein-Main Air Base in Frankfurt, Germany. Family joined him just before Christmas. He reports Milt Barnard in Plans at Frankfurt and Harnett working hard over at SHAPE. Dibble is at EUCOM. Brousseau still reported in London. Cuyler Clark at Fort Sill with an Armd. FA Bn. Ivan Sattem is with Remington Rand in New York.

Ray Shoemaker writes from FEC where he is Assistant Secretary, General Staff. Hank Adams is an aide to General Ridgway and Walt Winton is with the 24th Div. Bill Farthing, Jake Roberts and Dave Byrne with G-3 and Joe Hardin is with G-4 Section. Freddie Schmaltz, without roller skates, is with the QM Section. Cassibry has left for the States. The Japan Logistical Command includes other "great Captains" such as Bill Gildart, Homer Chandler, Freudendorf and Erspamer. Lee Bell also present. Warren is in HQ Far East Air Forces and Loofbourrow is with MAAG in Formosa.

Ed Podufaly went to Korea in August 1951. Was Exec of an Engineer Group and joined Korea Military Advisory Group. Virginia and the children are in San Diego. Pillsbury in FEC. Danny Briggs out of Korea and, according to a clipping from an Idaho paper, he has been assigned as senior army instructor in Boise and supervises National Guard unit in Idaho.

Dibble writes that he and Leslie are still in EUCOM and living in Heidelberg. Expects to come home this summer. Reports Mike Ahmajan, Galbreath, Goodrich, Wermuth and Emery in same headquarters. In nearby headquarters, Seventh Army, are Swift, Hackett and Steve Silvasey. Hacketts report a new son named Stephan. Bob Pfeil is with an Engineer Group in Karlsruhe. Ray Block has an Engr. Bn. in Saalfelden, Austria. Gushurst is in Europe with an AAA outfit and Bob Brewer is with the 4th Division. Dick Cassidy is with an AAA brigade in England. Bob Fate is in Stuttgart. Don Yeuell has torn himself away from the poopsheets and swagger stick of staff and is commanding a FA Bn. Larry Legere is in Berlin. Marvin Jacobs is still in the Office of the Governor of the Panama Canal. May come back this year. He reports that Paul Deems has left Panama for the Central Air Defense Command in Kansas City. Bill Bennett commands a post and an AAA Bn. at Fort Davis.

Charlie Beaudry stopped in the other day with his bride. Charlie, who agrees with Bill Bennett that his name is not "Sam", is at Aberdeen, Maryland. Keeps testing stuff.

Dick Abbey visited West Point for Bob Applegate's funeral. He is stationed in the Pentagon. Aber is at Fort Sill and Jerry Addington is in Greece. Urey Alexander is Army Field Forces representative at USN Special Devices Center at Sands Point, Long Island. Alan Baker is assistant professor of Mathematics at USMA. Don Baumer, living in Highland Falls, reports arrival of son in January. Mike Bavaro left for EUCOM from Governors Island in March. Jack Beiser studying Victorian Literature at University of Pennsylvania. Benson is a student at AFSC in Norfolk. Brice going to Ohio State. Chester Britt, now retired, living in Wisconsin. I do not have his address. Gerhard Brown transferred from Fort Totten to Fort Hancock. Brown, H. C. is at Sandia Base. Willie Buck at Wright Field, Ohio. Carnahan is a student at Aberdeen, Maryland. Scott Case teaching history at USMA. Bill Clay assigned to Dept. of Ordnance at USMA. Tom Chamberlain is with Military Missions in South America. Martin Chandler ordered to language school at Monterey. Expects mission duty.

Colligan received M.A. degree in Nuclear Physics (what's that?) from Ohio State. Now at Albuquerque. Corbly is at JAS, Fort Sill. Whiles away free time as ham operator. Crown last heard from at Fort Meade. Cunningham is with AFF Board No. 4 at Bliss. Jack DeWitt is at Proving Grounds, Patrick AFB, at Cocoa, Florida. Leo Dunham left Austria in January for Ft. Belvoir. Joe Donohue and Lu with four sons, Pat, Mike, Tim and Jim, at West Point. Mickey Felenz is at the Infantry School on the staff. George England in the Pentagon and brother Pat at Maxwell Field. Floyd is with ROTC at The Citadel. Flanders is Asst. Div. Engineer in Boston. Fowler now teaching at USMA. Phil Elliott on way to FEC after completing course at AFSC at Norfolk. Chick and family, including new boy, go home to Miami. Ferry, the proud pop of four sons, is in the Office of the Chief Signal Officer. Art Frontczak is at Mitchel AFB on Long Island. Ford Fuller with PMS&T at VMI. Greene is a student at Knox.

Hazeltine in the Pentagon. Ted Hoffman at Sill. Haessly, after finishing course at Columbia in International Relations, stationed at the Pentagon. Haggard is retired. Haseman with District Engineer in Norfolk. Bill Holm headed for ETO. Gleszer in the Pentagon. John Graf in Korea. Klar back on active duty in Organized Reserves, Chief Signal Office, Pentagon. Archie Knight stationed in Washington. Kenny in Korea. Bertil Johnson at Sill. Light is with Tactical Department, USMA. Bill Litton missing for past few months from flight over Korea. Lotozo studying at USC. Kyle is with staff and faculty at Knox. Lucas in at Fort Bliss. McDonald is Asst Prof of Graphics, USMA. McFarland in the Pentagon. McKenney doing great job as Asst. Director of Sesquicentennial USMA. Dick Mabee is PMS&T, University of California at Santa Barbara. Expects to leave for Greece. Manzolillo in Tokyo. Merchant in Portugal. Marling writes from Rough and Ready, California and is off for India to catch butterflies. George Mayo is Editor of Training Literature, TAS at Sill, and is helped by Bidwell Moore. Art Nelson is at Giessen QM Depot, EUCOM. Milner, an instructor in MP&L at USMA. Ross Milton still with MATS at Andrews Field. Jim-Rat Moore in Korea. George Mueller at USMA with TD. Munson retired. Robinson Norris in the Pentagon. O'Donnell in Indo-China. O'Keefe at AFF BD No. 4 at Bliss. Peterson left Engineers for the Paratroops. Took part in "Operation Snowfall". Paul Phillips under orders to EUCOM. O'Neil at Camp Kilmer. Oglesby at OCAFF.

John Pidgeon is Asst. Professor, Department of Ordnance, USMA. Rauk at Andrews Field. Schockner leaves West Point this summer and expects orders to Fort Sill. Stewart recently testified before Congressional Committee. When he was a POW he was taken to the Katyn Forest massacre of the Polish Army Officers. Strauss is Asst. Prof. European History, at USMA. Symoski home from Arabia and in the Pentagon. Bob Strong is Air Attache in Ottawa, Canada. Strock is in the Pentagon. Verner is serving in Korea as AF Communication Officer. Wilderman is in the Military Dept. at Texas A&M, College Station, Texas. Wynne is Asst. Professor of Ordnance at USMA. Expects to leave in the summer. Father of two boys and two girls. Alan Thayer at Giessen QM Depot, EUCOM.

A questionnaire is being prepared and will be sent out in the next few months. Purpose: Preparation of a pamphlet giving all the information concerning the class. This will be mimeographed and mailed to you all. You should get it in the fall. Send no money for the class fund of $641.59 will defray expenses. Fill out questionnaire carefully and return to me. This will take place of a ten-year yearbook which did not materialize.

—*Hank Brewerton.*

1941

"Apologies and Congratulations": In its February 10th edition, *Time* magazine dissertated on the Modern Pentathlon Team. Among the remarks was a reference to the man who placed second in the event in 1948, "Major George B. Moore (who was killed in action in Korea)". Fortunately Penny was with Biss when they heard about it, and his parents were also present in Washington so they didn't feel the shock that friends and classmates did. In its March 10th issue *Time* commented in response to a published letter from a Lieut. Swett, "Thanks to Reader Swett; to Lieut. Colonel Moore, apologies and congratulations.—Ed." Let us hope that this flip recantation adequately compensated for the countless phone calls and other messages of condolence which Penny had to cope with, and for the anxiety in the hearts of their many friends.

Married: John Miles Henschke.

Born: To Dick and Peggy Scott on 15 February '52 at West Point, their fourth daughter, Elizabeth Johnson. To Lt. Colonel and Mrs. Edgar M. Sliney on 29 February '52 at Ft. Belvoir, their second child and first son, David Mathews.

Ordered: Dick Couch to the NY Regional Office, Signal Corps, N.Y.C. Wendy Knowles to FEC. Ben West to Korea (B-26's). Ted Brown to CO of an AC&W Gp in Japan. Andy Evans to CO of the 4th Fighter Intercepter Gp, Korea (F-86's). Burt Andrus to Hq SAC, Offut AFB, Nebraska.

Letter: From Karma Gleason comes word that Bill is CO of a Puerto Rican Battalion in the 3rd Div. in Korea. He says they are "grand soldiers" and that things are going rather "smoothly". He has adopted a little Korean boy and keeps Karma jumping in response to requests for everything from clothing to American History Books.

That's all there is—one letter and a few gleanings from the *Journal*. Is the cold war putting the freeze on our class spirit?

—*Burt Andrus.*

1942

New editor this month—Jim Hottenroth finally got tired of volunteering his services. Feel conscience bound to do the job at least once so can feel free to dump on the next in line.

News this month naturally concerns June Week activities. To date eighty-two have given a definite yes, they will be here, sixty-one perhaps, and seventy-seven no cant's. That leaves eighty who have not deigned to answer aye or nay. This is, of course, your shindig and we would, or rather, the plans committee would like to have as many firm commitments as soon as possible. Space, naturally enough, is as limited as ever for June Week, if not more so —bear in mind.

As a possible spur to mind making up, herewith a list of those who do plan on coming up:

Hanley, Hewitt, Manierre, McCarthy, Rossell, Otis, Davis, Gernert, Retzer, Low, Beers, Brugh, Cockrell, Plott, Ralph White, Watkins, Ballard, Barnes, Newman, Bob Evans, Rice, Duffie, Halsell, Garvin, Wyman, Bonasso, John Barnes, Shelton, Thompson, Warren, Maupin, Brice, Ogden, Obenchain, Hyde, Mizell, Maffrey, Jackson, Rienzi, Rawls, Rubenstein, Redlinger, Alfaro, Hanst, Master, Offley, Josendale, Ward, Martell, Cumpston, Ladd, Short, House, Watson, Rickman, Finney, King, Gates, home guard consisting of, Shedd, Crittenberger, Rose, Roecker, Harmeling, Robbs, Stephens, Crowley, Horridge, Tatsch, Howe, Van Warren, Ferguson, Flanagan, Gustaves, Short, Baxter, Cage, Charbonneau, Hottenroth, Riedel and Terry. The list seems to be three short—bad bookkeeping on my part, no oversight intended.

Our June Week gathering, if serving no other purpose, has at least prodded a few of those in the field to write in, in general, however, their remarks have been most cryptic, stating simply they will or they won't come, and if they will, what kind of poison preferred. Not much in the way of news there.

From Benning, the Bobs, Clagett and Spilman send word of their presence there; Spilman hopes he can come. Two returns from Korea: Ed Munns joining the Directorate of Installations, Headquarters, USAF, and Bill Hamilton seen by Crit on his recent West Point Candidate trip to Knox. Crit also saw Dave May and talked to Jack Barnes and Stapleton—Foster and Rehkopf were present but engaged with a bottle elsewhere

From overseas heard only from Al Scullen in Korea, Armor Section, Eighth Army, who regrets can't make it because the distance is too great; he writes that Bob Fritz made Lieutenant Colonel and that Dick Hennessey can't spring himself because he can't find a replacement. Since he won't be here, he's sending Dusty, who's the better half anyway. Wachendorf, on the other side of the world in Murnau, Germany, is also hampered by distance, and Tom Furey in Turkey will return in June but too late for the get-together.

Dixie Howell states indignantly that he is a Major, is married and has two children, Joanne and Diane, contrary to information heretofore circulated. Adds that he can possibly make it if the PMS&T at Kentucky relents. Jesse Miles, also in the PMS&T business at Indiana, will be with us in spirit only.

All in the category of can't show are: Tom Crary, in the lumber business in Deadwood, S. D.; Tom Iuliucci at Camp Campbell; Howard Slaton, Topeka, Kansas; and Dick Yielding with Boeing at Seattle—Dick adds, for the record, that he is married to Nancy Bailey and has two sons, Richard III and James.

Andy Low now has his own basketball team at Offut, working there with Johnny Reid and Bill Garland, and occasionally sees Chett Ladd, Duffie and Dick Reinbold.

Last minute additions to those coming include Stann, Reinbold and Jordan.

We'll see you in June.

—*Rose.*

January, 1943

Before we get into the news this month McDermott wishes to announce the following:

"For want of a better medium I would like to take part of the class column for a few items of class business.

"*Item* 1. Since graduation 74 of our classmates are deceased. (To my knowledge two, Thomas D. Harrison and Morton C. Carmack, are still listed as MIA.) Of the 74, obituaries have been published or prepared on 44. Obituaries have not been prepared on the following:

"Keith Edward Canella, Woodrow Wilson Pratt, Conrad Epping Koerper, Jr., Edmund Cornish Suor, Harry Alfred Saunders, Berry B. Skaggs, Thomas Hutson Martin, Jr., Frank Edward Boyd, Wendell Lapsley Clemenson, Jr., Malcolm Alexander Smith, George Warner Dixon, Roderic Thomas Wriston, John A. Hine, Jr., George Mayer Eberle, James Emerson Bush, Jr., Donald Maurice Stangle, Victor Vaughan Taylor, Jr., Herschel Ashby Jarrell, Hal Fitzgerald Crain, Dick Elmo Hall, James Wentworth Freeman, Jr., Richard Baldwin Jones, Richard Maddox Combs, James Marshall Little, Robert Bernard Tresville, Jr., Charles Robert Finley, Jr., John Remington Northrop, Boone Seegers, Patrick Wester Wheeler, Robert Wood Dailey Guthrie.

"We expect that some of these obituaries are now being prepared. We are especially interested in arranging for someone to write those which are long overdue. Specifically, we are asking for a letter to the Class Secretary, Bob Wood, from anyone who (1) is currently preparing an obituary, (2) will volunteer to prepare one, (3) will give the name and address of anyone outside the class who was close to one of our deceased and might like to write his obituary.

"*Item* 2. A related matter on which the class has been somewhat deficient falls within the scope of the Treasurer's job. Under the Class Constitution the Treasurer is authorized to spend up to $15.00 for floral tributes to deceased classmates. The problem we face here is in getting the notifications before the funerals take place. We suggest the following procedure in cases where the deceased is interred away from West Point. If someone in the area hears about the death before the funeral we would like him to telegraph collect to the Class Treasurer (currently Bob Fiss), who will wire instructions or the money for the flowers. In cases where we do not hear of the funeral in time we will put a notification to that effect in this column and request that someone volunteer to decorate the graves on Memorial Day. We would like to hear from volunteers to decorate the graves of Roderic T. Wriston and Conrad E. Koerper, and any others that may have been missed to date.

"*Item* 3. Another related matter pertains to the widows and orphans of our deceased classmates. As some of you may know, the 1950 Amendments to the Social Security Act authorized wage credits to any serviceman who served for 18 months or more during the period from September 1940 to July 1947. These credits entitle his family to certain Social Security insurance benefits which may vary in amount, but which cannot be less than $40.00 a month.

"Since service as a cadet counts as federal service within the meaning of *this* legislation, the family of any member of the class who dies before July 1, 1965 is eligible for some benefits under this legislation. Those eligible are:

"(1) Widow without dependent children, unless she remarries, after she reaches age 65.

"(2) Widow with dependent children, unless she remarries, while the children are dependent minors, and again after she reaches age 65.

"(3) Dependent children, until they attain age 18, regardless of whether or not the mother remarries.

"In order to make application for these benefits the widow should go to the nearest Field Office of the Federal Security Agency with a copy of her marriage certificate, her husband's death certificate, evidence of the children's dates of birth, and evidence of her husband's period of active service.

"*Item* 4. The final item of business pertains to our 10th reunion in June 1953. There are two questions on which we would like to hear from you: (1) Do you want a 10th reunion yearbook? (2) Will someone in the Washington area formerly associated with the *Pointer* or *Howitzer* undertake this project?

"The second question stems from the sad experience the Class of '42 has been having with their yearbook. They have come to the conclusion that the project could have been accomplished much more readily in Washington, where there is a major concentration of classmates and information. This leads to the proposition that maybe we should consider now the transfer of the Class headquarters from here to Washington. Any ideas on this proposition will be welcome, especially from the Washington contingent."

The June Week committee has lined up a picnic for Friday, 30 May, at Round Pond. Also, there will be an informal dinner dance on Sunday, 1 June, at Camp Buckner. This function will include the classes of '42, June '43, and possibly '44. Civilian clothes are in order for both functions. In order that it may make final arrangements the committee would like to find out who expects to be here for June Week. Please try to have the information in to Bob Fiss (Quarters 510-F) by 15 May. Let us know which function you will attend, or if you will attend both. Bob will be glad to help with housing and other arrangements.

Merle Carey writes from Korea (23 January) with news of the Far East. Joe Conmy is currently commanding an infantry battalion in the 7th Div. Some time back Joe and his outfit were entertained by a U.S.O. troupe that included Jan Sterling Joe's wife, present at our class party on January 19, spent the evening happily passing around the photographs of the occasion. Joe expects assignment to USMA next year. Hank Ebrey, new-arrived in Korea, had not been assigned as of the date of Merle's letter. Ed Murray and Bill Hensel have been rotated home. Fred Waters was last known to be with Engr. Sect., Hq X Corps. Merle expects to be rotated in May and visit West Point to see a little civilization.

Two letters from Bill Knowlton, too late to classify for the last issue of *Assembly*, recount the news of Europe. News bearing an October date states that George Watson is in the G-3 section of the 4th Inf Div in Germany. Jean and the two boys are in Springfield, Missouri, awaiting a call to Germany. Pete Grimm was in the G-3 section of the same organization; and his family, too, was sweating out overseas orders. Duke Windsor completes the complement of January '43 in that same G-3 section. Hank Greenberg, Pete Pavick, and T. Q. Donaldson (thanks from us all for the Christmas

card, T. Q.) are all in SGS, EUCOM at Heidelberg. Don Wilbourn is in the G-1 business at Seventh Army. Tut Frakes is in England with the 3rd AF. Jack Van Dyne is stationed at Wiesbaden at the AFB there. Charlie Burr is on the staff of Allied Land Forces, Central Europe, Fontainebleau, France. Bill and family are settled down at Neuilly. Billy, at four, started to school in a French school where he is the only American child. Young Knowlton will have a leg up on the rest of his contemporaries in the future. Bill is staff assistant to General Gruenther and travels about Europe with him. Jack Wood (General Gruenther's aide) and family live near Bill. Jack is so busy he does not have the time to enjoy "the city of light". Richardson is another nearby resident. George Rebh, on his wanderings out of his Washington base, passes through Neuilly occasionally.

News of the U.S., as usual, is more complete. Kate and De Witt Armstrong had a son, De Witt IV, last fall. At that time DeWitt was at the Advanced Course at Knox. Flywheel Flanagan stopped by West Point on his way back to Fort Sill. He had been an observer for a month at "Exercise Snowfall" at Camp Drum. He made a parachute jump, reports a hard landing on the frozen ground. Flywheel saw Rog Fisher at Drum, where Rog also had been observing for a month. Rog returned to his home base at Biggs AFB, Texas to learn that he was being sent to England for three months. Jane Anne and the children will remain at El Paso.

Iggy Lane is at the U. of Texas as Asst. Prof. of Air Science and Tactics. This summer he will run a camp for junior ROTC students. At the Army-Navy gym meet Johnny Kerig saw Brittingham, Lindell and George Porter. Ray is at Hq. ARDC, Baltimore, while Lindell and Porter toil at Annapolis. Bob Maloney's wife, Millie, visited West Point recently with news of Bob's overseas orders, and last-minute reprieve orders which sent him instead to Cocoa, Fla. and Guided Missiles. Also at Cocoa, Wyline Sayler presented Hank with a third son. Chuck Lenfest is at Turner AFB as Director of Personnel in a jet fighter wing.

Britt May has transferred from Hq USAF to Sandia Base. Bill Starnes is now at Leavenworth as a student. Jim McKinney built a house in D. C. with his own hands! Bill Neale remains in D. C. guiding our careers.

A long letter from Bob Baden (471 Poplar Ave., Bakersfield, Cal.) has quite a lot of class news. Number of children remains constant at three. On his travels around California Bob saw Tom Griess in Berkeley. Tom will complete three years on his present assignment this summer. Tom reported that John Barnes is at Santa Barbara on ROTC duty. Dan Kitch, Nan, and the kids are at Fort Leavenworth, where Dan is a student. Robin (Mrs.) Baden keeps in touch with Bob Peden's wife, Rickie. The two Bobs went through jump training at Benning. They were consecutive on the class rosters all during training. The similarity of names confused instructors until they grasped the "Mutt and Jeff" distinction. Peden has been with the 11th A/B Div. at Fort Campbell, Ky. He was on "Operation Snowfall", too, in the operations phase. Jack Armstrong and Roy Wilson were with AFF Board No. 3 at Benning. Early during Bob's stay at Bakersfield Jerry Goss (Mrs. Quentin J.) stopped in for lunch. Goss has been in Los Angeles for three years. He has since gone on to Wright Field. Last summer Bob stopped in at Tucson, Arizona, for a visit with Frank and Barbara Griffen. Frank is in charge of the Tucson Branch of the Butler Steel Co. Doing fine, they have a lovely home, one child, a boy. Before Christmas Bob met Bill Brady at Edwards AFB (old Muroc Base). Bill informed him that Russ Herrington was also there. Bob is a charter member of the Bakersfield West Point Graduates Group. Other members include graduates of '08, '15, '18, and an ex '49. The group had its first dinner on 15 March at a local hotel.

The garrison at West Point has been quite active. On 19 January we had a wonderful class party in the Cadet Weapons Room, which has been made over into a swank lounge. McDermott and committee got up a swell dinner and all sorts of fun and games. Most memorable, perhaps, was the hilarious "orange relay". The Holts and Stewarts threw a class party on 23 February. It was another excellent function. Seen at the January 19 party was Linton, on his way overseas. Sam and Marian Karrick recently came up with a girl, Sarah Randolph. Shirley and Doug Blue, according to intelligence relayed by Mari Toth, have produced another girl, Holly Snow. Your correspondent notes that the 8 March issue of the Army-Navy-Air Force Journal notes a few classmates going from Benning overseas. Rumor has it that Fritzie Barber will settle in Highland Falls while Hal does his stint in Korea.

Births, other than those already recorded, include Mary Alice Robinson (b. 27 June 1951), daughter of Maj. and Mrs. M. S. G. Robinson. Welcome to the fold, Molly, and accept our regrets that we were not aware of you sooner. Robinson informs us that Molly's advent increases the swelling Washington population, adding to the boys of the Rebhs and the Armstrongs, the two boys of the Shaws, the girls of the Mays, Dolbys and Wardells.

We regret to announce the death of Conrad Koerper (30 December 1951), at Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Connie was buried in the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery on 2 January 1952. We were all saddened at a clipping announcing the death of Rod Wriston, in San Antonio. Unfortunately the clipping did not bear a date. Rod also was buried in the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. Jim Rippin was buried in the West Point Cemetery on 21 February. —*Walker.*

June, 1943

George Campbell is safely back from Korea. He and his attractive wife attended the New Year's Eve party at West Point. They are presently stationed at Fort Hancock, where they have a large house on the post. The Campbells have invited all classmates to drop in on them at any time.

Frank Dirkes, recently stationed at Camp McCoy, passed through U.S.M.A. about two months ago on his way to EUCOM. He states that Norm Pehrson has recently reported for duty at the Army attaché office in London. Dirkes also reports that he hopes he will be assigned to the European Command Engineer School where he can associate with John Buyers and Jack Morris.

Dutch Ingwerson was recently visiting West Point, prior to flying to Turkey, where he will join the Military Advisory Group.

Steve and Edith Gordy had a few classmates to their quarters to wish Dirkes a Bon Voyage. Eddie and Helen McCabe had a similar get together for Ingwerson's farewell. At these gatherings the following information was revealed: Carol DeCamp should have joined Bob in Tokyo by now; Helen Durante has joined Tony in Europe; Marge Christy should be with Jim, who is serving with the Paratroopers in Germany.

Speaking of Paratroopers, Dutch Umlauf passed through U.S.M.A. this winter on his way to Pine Camp (now called Camp Drum) for "Operation Snow Fall" Dutch looked thin, handsome, and hard. Preston Easley, Ernie Price, Bill Westbrook, Bill Ray, and Pete Ryan helped Dutch hoist a few for the road.

Preston (Shadrach) and Lucy Easley recently had a cocktail party at their quarters for classmates and friends stationed at U.S.M.A. Among other guests, Ernie Boruski was there. He is living in New York City and is in the investment business. For anyone who is not broke, Ernie strongly recommends putting your money in Mutual Investment Funds.

Walker Jamar, stationed at Fort Belvoir, came up to West Point once or twice this fall. However, he did not do much visiting as he was busy skiing at Bear Mountain. Walker did say that there was a swell New Year's Eve party at Belvoir for all classmates in the Washington area.

Jesse Fishback, Bob Plett, and Claire Farley are all slated for duty at U.S.M.A. beginning this summer. Fishback and Plett are to serve their three year hitch with the Math Dept. Farley is to instruct in Military Engineering.

There is not much news from Korea. Word has it that Hal Parfitt has been promoted to Lt. Colonel. There are rumors that several other ground force classmates in Korea have been promoted to Lt. Colonel, or are at least in for promotion.

Bill Calnan was recently visiting Annapolis, where his brother is a second classman. Bill is on his way to the Far East Command.

Speaking of U.S.N.A., Fred Herres has a brother who is a midshipman. The nautical Herres is a "youngster" in Danny Cullinane's Company. Danny, the Tactical Man, also has a third classman in his company named Jones who dates a female named Jones who is a cousin of Grady's wife who is an ex-Jones. If there are any questions, write Dan'l Flannel for the school solution.

Cullinane also reports that the Navy has moved its post graduate school from Annapolis to Monterey, California. Gus Brill, studying radiological engineering therein, also made the move. Bill Welch, who was also attending the school, decided he had his quota of roentgens and withdrew from the school. He was subsequently assigned to Holabird, Maryland. Maybe Welch doesn't believe in the good weather claims of the California Chamber of Commerce.

One more news flash from Annapolis says that Bill Naylor is still in the Pentagon (but looking for a replacement) and that Scotty Street is just starting a three year assignment as a company tac at VMI.

Anyone in the Washington area should try to call on Gary Black at Walter Reed Hospital, where he is recovering from serious mortar wounds which he received while fighting in Korea.

From Otis AFB, Mass., Dave Schwartz reports that he is still holding down a desk and sweating out the next Air Command and Staff School quota.

Cotton Warburton writes that Marge Bowley gave birth to a cute baby boy this fall while John was junketing in the Pacific. John is operations officer in a B-50 outfit which is based at Tucson. Bob and Mary Dwan are also living in Tucson. Bob is in his third year with the ROTC unit at the University of Arizona. Warburton and his wife, Margaret, recently bought a house in Tucson, leaving Denver last November. Cotton wants any and all classmates to write him. His address is: 625 North Rincon Blvd., Tucson, Arizona.

Another letter from the southwest came from Jodie Hinds (Ernie's wife). She reports that Jim Wade is definitely working for Continental Air Lines, but not in Denver. He is their public relations man in San Antonio. His address is 206 Medford. Jodie also states that Ernie has been retired because of poor eyes. The Hinds, with their three children, have settled in San Antonio at 501 Patterson Avenue and have invited everyone to visit them. Jodie's letter further relates that Harriette Loughman should be in Europe with Jack by now and that Pinkie

Winfield and Jack are in the same outfit.

Walt Burnette has written good news from Korea. After flying 16 combat missions and logging 30 combat hours in F-51 fighter-bombers, Walt has been reassigned as Air Liaison Officer with the 25th Inf. Division. He reports seeing Sandy Sembach, who is an Artillery Advisor with a front line Korean unit. Congratulations are in order for Wally Magathan who has been elevated to the G-2 of the 3rd Infantry Division. Munch is also holding an important job. He is the Air Judge Advocate for 5th Air Force in Taegu, Korea.

Bob Mattox wrote a newsy letter which arrived a little too late for the January issue of *Assembly*. He is the S-3 of the 552 AAA Gun Battalion in Karlsruhe, Germany. Bob's wife, Vivian and his two year old daughter are with him. During the EUCOM "Operation Combine", Mattox ran into the following classmates with the 2nd Armored Division: Nick Parker, S-3 of an FA Bn.; Jack Teague, Bn. Exec. in Nick's Bn.; and Les Hardy, with Div. Arty.

Another letter, received too late for the last issue, came from Caroline and Dick Shaefer. In November or December the class wives in the Washington area had a luncheon at the Army-Navy Country Club with the feature attraction being a doll show. Each lady was required to buy and dress a doll. The dolls, along with money raised at the luncheon, were used for a Christmas party for the patients in the Children's Hospital in the District. In fact, the wives' organization there is adopting a whole ward in that hospital. Anyone wanting to join in this worthy project can do so by sending $1.00 to Mrs. R. B. McDowell, Quarters 423-D at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. In December, Fred Proctor's wife gave birth to her third little girl. What, no future cadets! Last fall, Grumpy Steele returned from a tour in Germany complete with a new bride—a lovely English girl from London. Also, last winter, Dick Snyder returned to Washington after four months duty in England. During the few days that Dick and Francie had, before departing for California, they joined Peggy and Steve Sherrill in having the two Snyder boys and the Sherrill boy christened. All the preceding poop came from the Shaefer letter as well as the news that Emmy Lou Scott has joined Ralph in Japan.

From the mid-west comes a single voice of a Shaftee now attending CG&S at Leavenworth. Sam Pinnel has an interesting story on how he got this choice assignment. However, it should be left to his telling in person to do justice to the unique ways of the fickle finger of fate. Pinnel reports that the course is difficult but interesting and valuable. What more could you want, especially since Sam has also managed to stand in the upper half of his class. Elsie also sends her best wishes and says she will welcome any visitors.

—*Tom Johnston.*

1944

Well, this makes it farewell for your writer. It also is the final column from West Point. Starting with the next issue of *Assembly*, you will have a permanent class correspondent with a permanent address which you can all remember as *the* contact point for the Class of '44. Buford Norman is your man . . and believe it or not he volunteered for the job. Bufe felt that since he is settled in one place and has facilities for maintaining class records, he could lend a certain amount of continuity to news of the '44s and could also probably gather more complete imformation since people would get used to sending him things. We feel that is certainly true and know you're going to be very happy to have him at the helm. Now, here is the address to remember . . mark it down some place where you won't lose it . . and send Bufe all of the information you possibly can:

Mr. Buford Norman
1748 Vinton
Memphis, Tennessee

To start off the news, here is an address in which some of you may be interested. . . Edwin M. Aldrich, Buick-Oldsmobile-Pontiac Assembly Division, General Motors Corporation, 306 Keith Building, Dayton 2, Ohio. Rojo has gathered together a roster of classmates who are at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base near Dayton. Here's the list along with wife's names and children: Bob Bright (Capt) along with Anna Rae and daughter Linda; Jim Cumberpatch (Maj) along with Mary and sons Ricky and John; Bruce Deakin (Capt), Frances, and children Kathy and Bruce, Jr.; Dave Fitton (Capt) with Ruth and children David and Marrin; Leo Hinkey (Capt) along with Mary Elizabeth and children Douglas, Mary Ann and Kathleen; George Ingersol (Maj) with Phyllis and George L., III; Jim Monihan with Jean and Jimmy, Judy and Mary Josephine (Jody); Chuck Mullin (Capt) with Shirley and son David; Munson Pardee (Maj) with Jeannette and daughters Pamela J. and Jeannette D.; Owen Reeves (Capt) with Dorothy and children Caroline and Owen T., Jr.; Dusty Rivers (Maj); Bill Waters (Maj) with Carolyn and daughter Mary Carolyn. Rojo says that the information on the list is as accurate as he can make it but that there may be errors, so if you notice any, let Bufe know so that he can correct them. Incidentally, the Aldrich clan includes Marge Ann and the children . . Ann, Joseph and Michael.

Dick McPherson writes from 711 Alba Drive, Orlando, Florida, that his family has been swelled by the appearance of one each son, Rex V., II. Dick is in civilian life and invites "all '44 hog faces passing through here to a tall glass of Florida orange juice (for a chaser that is)".

Jean LaMarre wrote a newsy letter from Germany shortly after the last column went to press. Some of the news may be a little old but it will probably be news to most of the class. At the time he wrote, Jean was busily trying to provide a training area for the 28th and 43rd Divisions. He mentioned a 10,000-man training camp with 33 ranges as additional facilities. (The U.S. Army Engineers come through in all emergencies.) Jean mentioned Frank Moon as working with him, Cabell and Pickens as being in Heidelberg and both Johnny Donaldson and Charlie Steel with the 7th Army. Jean hasn't seen either and isn't sure where they are but both Phil Grant and Dumbo Codling are somewhere in Germany. He did manage to see Steve Mulkey during a leave in Paris (Steve is with SHAPE). He also saw Ernie Graves (with SHAPE) and Bob Murphy, visiting from England. Al Brooks and John Cleveland are with the 555th Engineer Combat Group.

Back at West Point, there will be a lot of changes made next summer. Apparently our class has hit its peak here and during the next few years will experience more losses than gains on the Hudson. Most of the people leaving this year will be going to either Sill or Benning (or Knox) for the Advanced Course although others will be heading for overseas assignments . . . mostly those in the Air Force. Two of the local families have added to the population since our last report. Jim and Marygene Giles are the proud parents of son James Barrett, while Don and Brigitta Gruenther proudly announce the birth of Ralph Joseph.

One of our newsiest sources here at West Point is Fred Smith. He always seems to have some poop just when we need it. Fred tells us that Wally Guild is still at the Special Weapons Project at Sandia and that the Guild family have been blessed with the arrival of a third child. Bob Parks is with the Military Advisory Group in Korea, having been there more than a year. He expects to be rotated in May. Jim Scoggin is with the Signal Corps at Fort Monmouth following completion of the requirements for a master's degree at Johns Hopkins. George Pickett is Ass't. S-3 of the 325th AIR and was involved in "Operation Longhorn". Paul Kutchinski and Larkin Tully are with the 508th AIR at Benning while Bill Todd is with the Airborne Detachment at Fort Knox.

We received a note from Dave Wood, who is living at 2122 B-47th St., Los Alamos, N. M., and is assigned with the Armed Forces Special Weapons Project. Before going to Los Alamos, he did graduate work in physics at Princeton.

Jim Douglas wrote his usually newsy letter from Washington. His middle of February letter (which hit close to the normal deadline for *Assembly*) mentioned that some of the Washington news seemed to be old by the time it hit the press. He also hit the nail on the head when he said that it was probably because the publication date had to be pushed back for some reason or another. Hence, much of the news is news to you . . . but probably very old news to those who were involved.

Jim writes that he expects to leave Washington around the 1st of May for Ft. Benning pending assignment to the Advanced Course in August. He says that the Washington group expect a rather large turnover during the next six months.

Charlie and Charlotte Bootz have arrived in Washington along with their four children. It seems Charlie had a rather unhappy experience . spent a short time in Honolulu, contracted an ailment, and was shipped to Walter Reed for treatment. Charlotte also was hospitalized for a while and it was thanks only to real friends that the children were well-taken care of. The latest news is that Charlotte is fine and that by the time this hits the press Charlie should be back at work . . . possibly in Washington and possibly elsewhere.

The Mac McLeans had a boy on 2 January . . name, Gregory Alan. Jim also informs us that the Freddie Blacks had a daughter at Ft. Benning the latter part of 1951.

George and Betty Wear visited Washington in January. George is now in Korea and Betty is living in Washington with her family, Gen. and Mrs. Honnen. Charlie Johnson visited from Ft. Bragg where he is stationed along with family.

In addition to Jim, Jim Connell and George Blanchard are due to take the course at Benning next fall. The Bradleys went to AMC at Wright-Patterson, with the Weirs due to go to Germany in April and the Lee Smiths due to depart from the Pentagon in May.

Bill Shirey was on the Communist POW list released during the winter. His wife, Jane, is living in Woodstock, N. Y., and has received some very interesting mail from him. Bill seems to be getting along very nicely. In Washington, Tommy Lynn and Spike Geltz both made Major in the AF in December. Although we spoke of it, we were unable to get a co-ordinated Air Force list for printing this time. Jim apologizes for the Army list not coming through as announced but says the whole show is tied up with the UMT proposals and the ever-present $$$ problem.

Another Washington bachelor bit the dust in February. Chuck Davis acquired a wife . . name of Dorothy (Dot), midst the usual festivities. The Jack Johnsons left the Pentagon environs in December to attend the Air Command and Staff School.

There'll probably be several changes in this news before it appears in print but this will give those traveling to Washington an

opportunity to look up classmates when passing through. Rather than all of the home addresses, I'll merely list office data and you can contact them there: (To save space, the info will run: office initials, room number, Bldg if not Pentagon and lastly phone number.) Capt. William Bell, OCC ML, Rm 2748, Bldg. T-7, 53647; Major Al Bethel, AFSWP, 1B 679 Pentagon, 73882; Major Hal Beukema, AFOPD-PY, 4D 1040 Pentagon, 74385; Major George Blanchard, JCS, 2E 877 Pentagon, 74473; Major Chuck Bootz, Walter Reed Hospital; Major Harold Boutwell, AFIED, Rm. 2608, Bldg T-7, 56016; Capt. John Carlson, AC/S G-4, Supply Div, 2D 568A 78057; Capt. Jerry Capka, Box 12, Abbott Hall, TEC, Ft. Belvoir; Major Bob Conant, Abbott Hall, TEC, Code 1265, x 7268; Major Jim Connell, CJCS, 2D 888, 71670.

Major Ken Cooper, DMA, AEC, Rm 145, AEC Bldg, 1901 Constitution Ave, 61094; Major Frenchy Cyr, AFSWP, 1B 697, 77025; Major Charles Czapar, AFOIN-E/CE, 4B 881, 77200; Major Al Dancy, Abbott Hall, TEC, Code 1265, x 7268; Major Chuck Davis, Box 19, Abbott Hall, TEC, Code 1265, x 7268;

Major Jim Douglas, OCI, 2D 628, 54716; Major Ray Dunn, AFROTC, Catholic University, Md., MI 6000, Ext 494; Major Keith Eiler, Box 26, Abbott Hall, TEC, Code 1265, x 7268; Major Hal Emerson, AFPMP, 4C 157, 56152; Capt. Henry Francis, OPI, OSD, 2E 757, 76310; Major Spike Geltz, Maintenance Control, Bolling AFB, Code 1261, Ext. 583; Major Bob Ginsburgh, Leg. Ln., USAF, 5D 860, 76738; Capt. Les Hendrickson, MATS, ARS, Temp 8, Code 192, Ext. 131; Major John King, ABW 1B, Bolling AFB, Code 1261, Ext. 4392; Major Bryan Leeper, Abbott Hall, TEC, Code 1265, Ext. 7268; Capt. Kermit Lindell, Army Map Service, 6500 Brooks Lane, Washington 25, D. C., Code 1249, Ext. 525; Major Tommy Lynn, AFOMO, 5E 1009, 74935; Major Tom Mahoney, AFOAT, 4A 886, 75053; Capt. Bill McGlothlin, AFPDC, 4E 200, 71409; Major Art McLean, Guided Missiles, R&D, 4D 337, 54908; Capt. Frank Merritt, OSAF, 4E 960, 77070; Major Van Nealon, AFOIM, 4B 930, 77200; Major Bob Nixon, OCE, Rm. 2421, Bldg T-7, 78264; Major Lew Norman, AFOAE/T, DC/SO, 5B 539, 75321; Capt. Jack Peterson, OCO, Mil Pers Br. 1E 425, 56653; Capt. Fred Porter, ARCS, Bldg T-8, Code 192, Ext. 337; Major Bob Selton, AC/S G-2, Production Div, 2B 468, 72593; Major Bob Shoemaker, AFAPA, 4C 121, 53621; Major Lee Smith, JCS, 2D 888A, 71670; Capt. Bill Stowell, OCO, 2D 371, 78386; Betty Wear (George is in Korea) 4418 Q Street, N.W., OR 7841; Major John Weir, NAT Affairs, 3D 945, 77560.

Needless to say, that is quite a list. That also ends all the news from Washington. Had a letter from Ted Muller who is now Ass't PAST at Gettysburg College in Gettysburg, Pa. He has been on duty there for two years and managed to pick up an AB degree in Physics by attending classes.

Max Marshall writes that he and Connie recently had a fine new boy named Terry Allen. He is still instructing infantry tactics at the AG School at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana.

George A. and Joan Brown announce the birth of their first child, Janice Elizabeth, at East Liverpool, Ohio, on 24 January. George was at Wichita AFB, Kansas, taking training in T-33 jets when the baby was born. He and the family are now back at 6233 Bayshore Boulevard, Tampa, Florida, with George in the process of "checking out" in the B-47. Guffy Ingalls and de la Mater are flying B-29's in the 305th Bomb Wing until their B-47's arrive. Ev and Mary Mire are at Mather AFB. Ev is flying B-50's.

The personnel of the Air Force Flight Test Center at Edwards Air Force Base in California took up a collection to pay for flowers for the funeral of Bob Mortland. They collected more than was needed and have forwarded a check for fifty-six dollars to be donated in Bob's name to some class memorial project that may be in progress. There hasn't been an opportunity for making a decision as yet but it will be donated to a worthy project in Bob's name here.

Howie Tanner is stationed at Nellis Air Force Base in Nevada. His address there is Box 1288.

Al Norton, who was here at West Point with us, has left the Air Force for civilian life and is now settled in Hohokus, New Jersey, temporarily before finally settling down in Ridgewood. He will be in the contracting business there.

Received a letter from Doug Gallez just as this column was being prepared for *Assemby*. Doug is at the European Command Signal School and informs us that he and Marcy are now the proud parents of a baby boy named Gordon Paul who was born in Nurnberg on December 29th. Incidentally, Doug composed a special musical number for the West Point Sesquicentennial and it was premiered at a concert here. His composition is a cantata called "From These Gray Walls" At a Founder's Day Dinner in Nurnberg, Verne Robbins, J. K. O'Brien and Doug represented the class. Phil Toon is in the area but was not able to make the celebration. Johnny Donaldson was recently assigned as executive officer of the 1st Battalion of the 16th Infantry Regiment. He had been assistant Chief of Staff of the 1st Division.

Several of the members of the class have responded to our appeal concerning the class 10-year book. However, the cards have been few and far between. Please let us know your thoughts on it. Gerry Hall will be the corresponding secretary of the steering committee here at West Point. If you have anything on this, on the 10-year celebration, or related matters, please write to him. George Pappas has volunteered . after nominations were closed with only his name proposed . to handle the book. So again, please write in and let us know what you think. And don't forget to send plenty of class news to Bufe Norman. That's all folks!!

—*J. F. H. C.*

1945

Congratulations on your RA promotions, everybody. Now you can give away those tarnished lieutenant's bars you'd been saving "just in case" Scarcity of news this time enables us to lump it all together in one paragraph. Seems a little late, but actually this is the first column we have turned out since Christmas; so we'll report on the odds and ends we picked up from your Christmas cards. Ed Gudgel back from Korea and he and Dottie are at Fort Sill. Audrey and Les Ayers and three kids sent their card from Sandia Base. Sugar Hayden reported for the two kids and Buster from Fort Sill, where he is in Advanced Course. Leinani and Bob Fye are at Bliss, he in guided missiles. Expect to go to Advanced Course at Sill next year. (So do we.) From nearby El Paso the Barnards give us hopes of seeing them here in the East come Spring. (Maybe.) Alma and Ted Flum have moved to Philadelphia where Ted is in Law School of Penn. Steve and Marilyn Day sent greetings from University of Virginia in Charlottesville. Had cards from many others, all greatly appreciated; but if we don't report on each individually, it is because the news in them has been previously reported. We checked on the Washington crowd, as usual, during the holidays. Things were very social there. Before we arrived Dave Erlenkotter had gotten together a gay crowd for a charades party in his bachelor apartment. Among the guests were the Damons, Bill Taylors, Eysters, Wallstens, Maertens (CB is a whiz at "the game"), Harmons, and Waldo Carbonell. Then the Maertens were hosts at an egg-nog party which we just missed. The George Bushes were there and also Bill and Betty Ochs, on leave from right here at West Point. At a smaller party at the Damons we met Alice Ann Wallsten, who is a most attractive addition to the class wives. The "a most attractive" also applies to Nancy Taylor, whom we met at the same time. She and Bill are building their own house in the Virginia suburbs. The Wallstens are living in Alexandria. Dick and Harle Damon are in the same office at Pentagon G-2 Section. Dave Thomas reported as being at Georgia Tech. Back to the Pentagon. Glenn Brunson is there with "Special Weapons" section. Ken Scurr has been rotated from Korea back to the States. Don't know where though. J. B. Townsend may have been his replacement, for he left Camp Stoneman for Korea on 25th February. He is with 12th Tac Recon Sqdrn. Al Hero still in D. C. attending Georgetown U. He, like so many of us, expects to get his branch school out of the way next year. Benning and Sill will be alive with us, if expectations materialize. A letter from Boots Blesse stated that he expected to leave the States for his SECOND tour in Korea on 5th March. Expects to be an F-86 replacement. Dotty and young Brick will remain in Phoenix. He asks for news of Jim Christiansen, but we have absolutely none. Any of you know any? Another Jim, Shilstone, wrote from Fourth Army Headquarters that he has a Seattle shipping date of 21 May. Jim now has an MOS for construction engineer, so I guess he has left the Arty behind him. Says he and Duncan Gault were the only 45ers at the WP dinner at Fort Sam. Bert Hause is a civilian, living at Beeville, Texas. Out at Sill again (What a hive of activity!) Bob Burgess was awarded a second Oak Leaf Cluster to his Bronze Star in a ceremony during February. Bob, who now also has a Korean Service Ribbon with 5 campaign stars, commands "F" Battery at Arty OCS at Sill. A similar release on "Sunny" "Rock" Brett. He has just completed 100 combat missions with the 18th Fighter-Bomber Wing. He is now with Headquarters Fifth Air Force. Hermine and the kids are in Winter Park, Florida. A letter from Bill Snow down in Albuquerque gives news from the Southwest. Walt Carter and Billie were there at Thanksgiving. They are now at McDill AFB. Ed Mason is now at Patterson AFB. Martin Brewer was at Sandia until recently, when he was sent to Denver. Perry Catts paid us a visit in December. He is a sales engineer with Braden Steel Corp. in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Joe Singer reported at Camp Campbell, whereabouts also of Betty and Johnny Graham. Johnny recently participated in Exercise "Snowfall" at Pine Camp (of all places!) and commands "A" Co. of 127th Engr. Bn. of the 11th Airborne. Cliff White en route to FECOM from same place. All this news about others came from Hap Adams who has some news of his own. First the arrival of number two son on 22d February. He (Hap) expects to ship overseas to U.S. Army Forces, Austria, in May. Jessie Sibert writes from Benning that most of the class there in Advanced expect overseas orders this summer. That will leave a colony of wives living near Columbus. Among the group will be Jane Rattan, Nancy McKinnon, Nina McCunniff, Ginnie Whittington, and Jessie. That brings us logically from wives to babies. Here are the latest: the Ted Halligans, a boy; the George Troxells, a third boy; the Cookmans, a boy; the Bill Taylors, a boy; the Siberts, 2nd boy; the George Fees, a girl; the Byrds, a girl; and we think that's it, though we are not sure that we mentioned Mary Kelly McCunniff in the last issue and she's important!! Final odds and ends. Lila and Bob Reese at University of West Virginia on

ROTC detail. Bob Pine, now an investment banker in NYC, was up for the Sesquicentennial Dinner in Washington Hall, as were Bob Woods (NY), Howie Baldwin (Monmouth), Lou Gingras, Harry Maynard, Karl Liewer (Columbia U.), and several others. We ran into Dan Whitcraft in Baltimore back in January. He's there with Research and Development. Very sorry to hear that down at Bliss Bob Hall was in a very serious accident recently, one that will have him laid up for some months, so boost his morale with a letter. Address: Quarters 1830, Austin Road, Fort Bliss, Texas. A newspaper article carried the news of another class loss in Korea in the person of Jack Bruckner. He had been aide to General Byers, until, at his request, he was transferred to Infantry and given a company last summer. Our sympathy to his mother. Same closing line as usual. Send us the news!

—*Jim.*

1946

The Distinguished Service Cross was awarded to Maj. Charles L. Wesolowsky for "extraordinary heroism". Maj. Wesolowsky (then a captain) was cited for "heroic action and willing self-sacrifice" while leading a platoon of the 187th A.B. RCT to repulse suicidal Red attacks last May. Charley is now the intelligence and operations adviser of the 9th Republic of Korea division. The citation states that Wesolowsky charged and bayoneted a Red machine gun crew. He later dashed through murderous enemy fire to rescue a wounded comrade. Upon withdrawal he remained to cover the retreat. Charley has been in Korea since September 1950. He became a Capt. in December 1950, and was promoted to Maj. on January 15, 1952. I think this is the first DSC for our class, so here's some big "Congratulations" to Charley Wesolowsky from his classmates.

Ben Boyd and Dick Bresnahan got together and wrote some letters about the men at Fort Benning. Dick's address is 37-A Battle Park, Columbus, Ga. Ben is in 2nd Co., 1st Bn., 1st Stu. Regt. Dick said there will always be a bed for any classmate who would like to visit those at Benning. Following is a list of men and their assignments: Shep Booth, Aide to Brig. Gen. Meloy, Ass't Commandant, TIS; Bob Philips, Recoilless Weapons; Al Futrell, Minor Kelso, and Roy Mossy, Ranger Committee; Bill Shelton, Tactics Dept.; Sam Walker, Leadership Committee; Dick Bresnahan, Operations Committee; Rollie Dessert, Airborne Dept.; John Nance and Joe Flores, Company Commanders, OCS; Dick Hale, Company Commander, Airborne Battalion; Jack Barth, Company Commander, 30th Inf. Regt.; "Brick" Bentz, S3, 2nd Bn., 30th Inf. Regt. Following is a list of classmates now attending the Advanced Class due to graduate on or about 20 April '52; Don Albright, F. R. Baker, Ken Barlow, Dave Barnett, John Barrett, Bob Case, Bob Chabot, Bob Coller, Pat Crizer, Eddie Crowley, Joe Findley, Bob Fitzgerald, Byron Greene, Howie Giebel, "Beano" Hadley, "Pappy" Hewitt, *Major* "Crow" Hill, "Sully" Johnson, Al Joy, Jim Ladd, Ben Landis, Al Leavitt, Ted Lepski, Tom Mahan, Jim McGarity, Morgan Murphy, Tom Owen, Ray Ochs, Alex Papajohn, Bobby Richmond, Jack Schultz, Bob Seaman, Les Shade, Bill Simpson, Bob Tully, Al Wedemeyer, and Jim Welch.

From Steve Matejov I received the following info: On the twentieth of December of last year the boys at Fort Bliss, Texas, had a big get-together. Sixty-two of them made the evening and talked of the old times and the new. Some of the brave even ventured forth from Sandia Base and crossed the wastes of New Mexico to be with them. Such Class Spirit! Credit goes to Paul Kelly and Jack Sadler for their initiative and resourcefulness in assembling the clan. All who came to the shindig were asked to sign in and volunteer class information. The Artillery Advanced Officers Course, Ft. Sill, Okla., was on TDY at Bliss at the time so Matejov and the others attending this course came as follows: Ralph and Kathy Davis (Sherry, 2½ years), Jim and "Mike" Carter (Jimmie II, Michele, Christine), Walt and Carolyn DeLong (Walt III, 3 years), Roy and Janie Simkins, Bob and Doris Winfree, Jack and Pat Armstrong (Denny, 4 years, Bobbie 1 year), Tom Gatch, Charlie and Lolita Hall (Candance, 10 months, Candance was stricken with polio several months ago, is now recovering slowly), Lawson and Eleanor Bramblett (Lawson III, Scott), George and Barbara Dennett, Bill Trotter, Bob and Marj Daniel (Robby and Timothy), Fred and Barbara Alderson, Bob and Ann Carter, Jerry Halloran, Dick and Anne Pohl, Ed and Miriam Houseworth (the Houseworths brought Maurrie Ashton to the party. She is expecting Shirley from Korea anytime), Don Watson, Pete Burnell, Phil and Ginny Farris, Bill and Lois Humphreys, Ray and Pat Thayer, Foster Cowey, "Ace" Parker, BB and Jane Williams, Steve and Glo Pagano, Jim and Betty Loome, Jim and Winky Wirrick. We have a few classmates representing us in the Guided Missiles Course and, of course, those that could make the party also signed in. They are: Josiah and Vicki Wallace, Bob Lenzner, Jack and Harriet Cairns, Dick and Ginnie Cavanaugh (Ann Louise, born 7 November 1951), Joe and Jane Giza (Chris 2 years, Bruce 8 months, born 6 May 1951). Even the Navy stuck its head cautiously into the circle. The Guided Missiles Course had two of the USNA Class of '46, Wayne and Jean Harbarger and Randy Mitchell, who joined the party. From the Artillery Board came Gene and Rita Pfauth, Jack and Annette Sadler (Fort Bliss welcomed this newly-married couple by escorting them onto the post riding an American made V-2!!), Andy and Eva Dodd, and Barbara Ruble, whose husband Dick was on TDY elsewhere. Stationed at Fort Bliss as instructors are Paul and Ruth Anne Kelly (Dept. of Electronics), Dudley and Harriet Stark (Radar), Harry and "Pete" Davis (Radar), Miller and Jane Robinson (Guided Missiles) and Ed and Pat Weber (Guided Missiles). From this next list you can see that our Class isn't satisfied with only the Hoss Cavalry. Look who was there in the Guided Missiles Group: Ralph and Jane LaRock, Jim and Pat Dixon (Catherine Lynne born 28 November '51), Bob White, Danny and Jeanne Finnegan, Dan Moriarity (Dan was best man for "Bugeyes" McCoy when he was married in El Paso this past December). Assigned to the 4054th ASU: Dick and Lucy Diver, Carey and Nancy Milligan, Pappy and Claire Papatones (Cathy Ann, 2 years) and George and Lannie Muir. One of our class, Sam Title, is assigned to the 9th Tng. Bn., AAA RCT. Those who came from Sandia Base misunderstood the "invite" and came stag. Our apologies to the ladies. Sandia Base handles the Armed Forces Special Wpns Project, those that attended the party were Jim Dorney (just finished a course at the U. of Illinois before coming to Sandia), Hal Horne, Elbert Throckmorton, Al Torgerson, Ralph Meola, and Jim Inskeep.

Marty Colladay, from the 342nd Bomber Squadron at Biggs Field put in the sole bid for the Air Force. Steve sent a few notes that he scribbled hurriedly about the absent members at Bliss. Howie Pleuss and Frank Schoen are with the 1st GM Group; Fred Derrick is going to GM school; Faray Faires assigned to the GM Dept.; Dick Burgess and Jim Bruce are with the 341st Bomber Squadron at Biggs AFB; Jack Gillespie, Si Hunt, Ben Brown, Joe McKinney, Ken Chapman, Malcolm MacWilliams, Walt Lyman, Don Lundholm, Ray Boyd, Jim Carbine, Dick Bacon, Frank Palmatier, Ev Rea, Earl Van Sickle and Merl Hutto, all at Sandia Base.

According to Jim Dorney, the following finished a course at the U. of Illinois: Al Gerardo (to Fort Monmouth), Jerry Epstein (to Fort Monmouth), Murry Putzer (to the Pentagon) and Amos Shattuck (to Fort Sill Aviation School). Thanks Steve for a nice letter.

Van Baker also wrote me a letter from Fort Sill. He mentions that the following are attending the Artillery Officers Advanced Course: Martha and Jim Brooks, Genevieve and Elmo Cunningham, Bev and Lynn Hoskins, Betty Jane and Bob Kren, and Natasha and Ed Van Deusen. These are in addition to the ones mentioned in Matejov's letter. Those stationed at Sill permanently include: Van Baker, Mary Lou and Ed Basham, Rutti and Bob Cramer, Lu and Jim Convey, Jean Joyce, Mavis and Bob Key, Cynthia and Bob Lee, Margaret and Bob March, Betty and Doyle Merritt, Mary Lou and Pat O'Neill, Bobbie and Jack Paden, Ruth and Joe Pepe, Betty and Johnny Price, Sandy Sandoval, Bill Stroud, and Ruth and Dick Wildrick. Thank you Van.

Charley Buckingham, Box 136, Carswell AFB, Ft. Worth, Texas, invited me to their Founder's Day Banquet on 14 March, but I missed it. However, I am sure the men at Carswell enjoyed the celebration of West Point's 150 years. Other '46ers there include: *Major* G. H. Bowers, Captains Horton, Jenkins, Dobbs (who coached the National Service Football Champions last fall), Whitfield, and Nemetz. Also there was Ruf Garrett who is a lawyer in Fort Worth.

Lewis Logan is now at Luke AFB, Phoenix, Arizona. As of January 15 he has been attending the advanced gunnery and pilot course.

Phyllis Yancey wrote a nice letter telling about the people they saw and talked about at the last Army-Navy game. Bill and Phyllis spent a 15 day leave in N. Y., Virginia, and Phila. Betty and Bill Evans are living in Baltimore where Bill is with Air Research and Development. The Evans have three children twins (boy and girl) and another girl. Others at the game: Jean and Roy Hudspeth at Shaw Field, Dot and "Twill" Newell from Maguire AFB in N. J., Jean and Burt Cameron from Valley Forge Army Hospital, Pa. where Burt is recuperating, Gene Melo and his wife, Bill and Ellen Brothers at Shaw AFB, Si Hunt, Guy Troy and Tom and Marilyn Blazina.

Jean Hudspeth told Phyllis that the Waynes and Hughes have been transferred from Shaw to Langley Field, Va. Patty Castle was expecting Johnny home from Korea (this last December). Kitty and Bob Walsh are parents of a daughter, Virginia Lee, born in September 1951. Jack and Mary Ann Jackson were blessed with their first son and third child, Terrance Doyle, named for Frank Doyle, missing in Korea. Ed Saunders is stationed at West Point teaching electricity. Phyllis enclosed two clippings from the December 1, 1951 *Air Force Times*. M. O. Weber and J. R. Miller were pictured as two of five sponsors to a young Korean orphan. They are with the 51st Fighter-Interceptor Wing. The other was a story of one of Miller's twilight jet raids in Korea. It involved a truck convoy raid and two flack positions destroyed.

Vital Statistics: At Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., twins for Capt. and Mrs. L. W. Rose; Barbara B. and Carol G. born on 30 December '51. At Fort Sill, Okla., a boy for Mary and Steve Matejov; Joseph born 2 February '52. Irene and Tony Wesolowski had their third child, Paul, born 10 December '51.

Class Fund: On 22 January '52 the men stationed at West Point had a get-together luncheon. Nothing of interest was discussed. But, let me remind you that Class Fund

dollars should be mailed to Capt. R. P. Hazzard, Dept. of M.T.&G., West Point, N. Y. My address again: 812 North Second Street, Bellaire, Texas.

—*S. E. H. F.*

1947

There has been a pronounced lack of mail the past several months with the column suffering as a result. On the bright side of the ledger, Jane and John Mastin announce the birth of a son, Wayne Alan, on January 29th, 1952.

Veaudry, Mahlum, Munroe, Brannon and Murphy, all stationed at West Point have formed a committee of five to see if they can't set up something for our fifth reunion this year. Postcards have gone out to everyone, but due to changes in station, etc., everyone has probably not received a card, nor do they know of the plans afoot. The committee would appreciate a note from all members of the class and all widows of classmates addressed to:

Capt. William L. Cooper,
Dept. of Tactics,
West Point, New York

answering the following five questions:

1. Do you plan to be at West Joint June Week?
2. Are you interested in a class picnic?
3. How many will be coming (i.e. wife, children etc.)?
4. Do you want the committee to try and arrange housing?
5. What is your present mailing address?

Let's have as big a turnout as possible.

Wally Veaudry sends news from the Point: "Duke, Emerson, Conger, Cooper, Krause, Short, Koch, Hauck, Brown, Johnson, Van Petten, Hatch and I were all in the 5th RCT attached to the 24th Div in Korea and all are back safely. You undoubtedly have heard about Stan Crosby and Gordon Strong. They were with us too. It certainly seems odd not to have those two boys still with us. We all miss them.

"At present I am a Tac. officer of I-2 Company. I like the assignment—it's interesting and novel to say the least. Pauline, my wife, and the baby enjoy this station too. Of course, at this point, any assignment is great as long as we can all be together."

Wally encloses the following list of addresses and family information:

Capt. Wally Veaudry; Wife: Pauly; Child: Paula; Dept. of Tactics, 2d Regiment, USMA, West Point, N. Y.

Capt. Bill Cooper; Wife: Ann; Children: Mary Ann, Billy; Dept. of Tactics, 1st Regiment, USMA, West Point, N. Y.

Capt. Bill Mahlum; Wife: Mary; Children: Steven, Susan; TI&E Officer, Range Officer, 1802d Special Regiment, West Point, N. Y.

Capt. Doc Blanchard; was here at West Point coaching.

Capt. Arnold Tucker; Wife: Pat; (Tucker also.) Now both en route to new stations.

Lt. J. J. Murphy, Bachelor; Law Department, USMA, West Point, N. Y.

Capt. Jim Johnson; Wife: Kay; OCS, Fort Belvoir, Va.

Lt. Van Petten; Wife: Betty; Child: Lani; OCS, Fort Belvoir, Va. Apt. 1-1110-C Kimbro Loop.

Capt. Ken Hatch; Wife: Althea; Fort Belvoir, Va.

Lt. Norm Rosen, Batchelor; Fort Belvoir, Va.

Lt. John Mastin; Wife:—; Fort Belvoir—just back from Germany.

Capt. "Duke" DuQumin; Wife: Pat; Ranger Training at Benning. 131 B. Kessler Dr., Custer Terrace, Columbus, Ga.

Capt. Wm. Conger; Wife: Betty; Child: Betsy; Ranger Training at Benning.

Capt. Wm. Brown; Wife: Dee; Baby: Dianne; AOAC No. 1, Box 124, Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

Capt. Bob Koch; Capt. Bob Short; at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

Capt. Tom Rogers; Aide de Camp to General Meyer.

Jack Tully; civilian—lives in New York—looks fine—is married and settled down.

Lt. Wayne O. Hauck; Wife: Dot; Wahiawa, Hawaii. Wayne has transferred to Ordnance.

Capt. Don Krause; married recently; OCS Benning.

Lt. Bill Carpenter, Lt. Chuck Munford, Capt. Hank Emerson; Tactics—Fort Benning.

Lt. Jean P. Burner; Wife: June; Child: Leslie; Fort Meade, Maryland.

—*Daniel L. Tate.*

1948

To begin this issue, the 15th since June, 1948, I want to thank you for the many Christmas Cards and notes sent over the past holidays. Since issues are three months apart it sounds strange that we should mention Christmas cards now but they were welcome.

Because Denny long promised faithfully four years ago to write to me and since that time I haven't heard directly from him I simply must tell that he has fulfilled a life long ambition to register and occupy a room in the Thayer Hotel at West Point and be on hand when the Drags are turned loose on Saturday night. More power to him. His ambition was fulfilled since the first of the year when he was seen at West Point. He is stationed at Maxwell Air Force Base on TDY along with George Rutter attending the Squadron Officer's School located near Montgomery, Alabama. Others located in schools in this country are Bill Burrows and Sid Berry, both at Columbia getting ready to return to West Point as instructors. Bill Hayden, John Edwards and Wilho Heikkinen are at Michigan University at Ann Arbor, Michigan. Harry Bettis and Bill McGuinness are at Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana, Bill Thomas at Northwestern, Chicago, Illinois, Bob Mathis at University of Illinois at Champlain, Ilinois, Don McClelland at US Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California, and Jim Richardson at Yale studying law. That's about all for the civilian schools that I know about.

Gene Forrester writes that he is aide to General Kendall, VI Corps CG, stationed at Camp Atterbury, Indiana. Wants to get in touch with Stub Clarke and Bill Caldwell. Jack Kean is with G-3 Section of 5th Army in Chicago. Bill Whitson at Fort Wood as C.O. of a training company. Larry Hoyt is at Fort Knox in G-3 Section, Bill Travis in 3rd Infantry at Fort Myer, Virginia. Norm Lovejoy and Randy Bierne are stationed at Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania. Borg, Brennan, and Burns are at Belvoir in the Engineers.

Report as of January 30 still finds Jim and Florrie Tuthill in Panama, as are Pat and Bill Byers. Both are located with the 45th Cavalry at Fort Clayton. Johnny Milton, Charley Horn, and the Reese Jones are there. All expect to rotate to the States this spring.

Bob and Dolly Petersen are at Fort Benning, where Pete recently wrote the new carbine manual. Fort Benning has a lot of folks from our class. Tom Hoffman and his wife, Smockie, along with Tom Hoffman, 3rd, are there. Tom is in the Tactical Department along with Jack Osteen. Major Don McGraw is there as Battalion Exec in the OC Battalion. Squirrel McMurray is in the same outfit. Punk Hartnell is an instructor with Bob Peterson. Bill Caldwell is teaching in the Leadership Committee and Ken Ruddy is teaching intelligence. The Wadsworths are on the Post somewhere. Stubby Clarke is supposed to show in Benning soon. Fran Schless is teaching at Fort Riley. Phil Day is at Fort Jackson, Sam Holliday is supposed to be somewhere in Missouri. John Maple is at Fort Devens.

Don McGraw recently announced his forthcoming marriage to a gal named Ruth from Cleveland. That is a pretty wide statement but I have no other details.

Harry Buckley and Sally are at Camp Roberts, California. Jack Chitty and wife, Liz, are at Fort Jackson. Saul Resnick is back on duty with the Quartermaster Corps after quite a long siege in Walter Reed Hospital.

Still in Austria with seemingly little change are the Meinzens, Les Carter, Dave Mallett and Tom Cormack, Joe Bratton and Roy Conover. Bratton and Conover are in an Engineer Battalion, Carter and Meinzen, Infantry, and Mallett and Cormack are Generals' aides. Jug Haskell is holding forth with them.

Wally Hubbard is aide to General Hart and headed for Greece. Deehan and McSpadden, are at Bamberg with a Tank Company. T. T. Jones, Ed Rudd, Jim Hooker are in Heidelberg, all batchelors, except Jones. Hank Perry is Aide to the CG of the LOC in France. Cushing is still with the 2d Armored Cavalry Regt in Augsburg, Germany.

A long letter from Lyle Walter about the boys in Europe tells us that he is Aide to General McGinley, the Stuttgart Post Commander. Charley Sunder, his wife and two daughters, are working in the TC rail section. Shuster is with the 70th Field Arty, but has moved to Nurnberg. W. W. Scott is in the 1st Division Arty. Joe Meyer is there too. Tom Bowen is still with the 15th Border Constabulary Squadron patrolling the Iron Curtain border. Lee Doyle and McCuen are there. Whitey Emerson is running around over there somewhere too. Tom Tyree really knocked out the news and got a line on about twenty-five people in the European command during the time of the Army-Navy game. The list he sent and addresses are as follows. Bud Vreeland, CO, Btry "B" 74th has one girl, Bob Marshall, Btry "A" 74th AFA has one girl, Elise Marie—Fred Waggoner and Oscar Kochtitzky are both staff officers. Joe Kiernan, Jim Hooker, Lowell Genebach, Steve Griffith, Phil Whitney, Charley Crouch, Monk Doty, Bob Ward, Norm Robinson, Bill Buckner, Joe Dorsey, John Egbert, Bill Kaula, Hugh Perry, Jim McCray, Chloe Swearengen, Howie Adams, Willie Bertram, Ed Callahan, Al Pabst, Ed Nelson, Tom Ware, Fred Tibbetts, Merle Sheffield, Jim Macklin, Jack Capps, Jack Waggoner, Al Whitley, Claron Robertson, Ashby Foote, Ennis Whitehead, Jay Hatch, Don Starry, Don Packard, Jack Hughes, and Arnie Sargeant, along with a few of the others already named in the European theater, were together when they listened to the Army-Navy game together. It is good to know that they are still on the job and pulling for the home team.

Since last issue I had occasion to check on the whereabouts of Chris Murphy, who is working for Caterpillar Tractor Company and is in Peoria, Illinois. Russ Ball is working with his father in Philadelphia. Dick Cudahy is out of the Service and is planning to attend law school at his earliest opportunity. Jack Kastris is at Stewart Field.

A letter from Oats Moore tells us that Bill Lyons is at Yokota AFB in Toyko with an engineering outfit and Walt Waller is at Anderson AFB on Guam. Out at Davis Monthan, Tucson, with Oats are Blaine Butler and Ann, and Warren Graves. The Min-

ers, Sandmans, Swenholts, with their families have gone to Ellington AFB in Houston for training preparatory for B-47. Rich Berry has been sent to Air Tech at Wright Patterson AFB at Dayton, Ohio. Out in Albuquerque are Hank Stelling, French, Odell Williamson, Kritzer, Josephs, Shook, Witko and J. J. Buckley. Bill Dougherty is at Otis AFB in Massachusetts.

Bill Smith was shot down by flak on a mission not long ago, picked up by a heliocopter and brought back to a hospital. There he had to have a foot amputated and by now should be in the States again. Skinner and A. B. Anderson are based at Tokyo now flying C-54's for the cargo division. Danny Defoe is still in Tokyo. George Thomas still at 5th AF Headquarters. R. O. Barton is on the way home with a hundred missions and one MIG and one bomber to his credit. Al Quanbeck is back in the States as is George Leitner with a hundred missions. Ken Barber and wife Carolyn are back in the States and have been at West Point where he was training for the Olympics, but I think he was eliminated because of a bad knee and is being sent to Scott Field. Braswell should complete his missions in a few weeks and be back on his way if nothing happens. He is now a Captain.

Since the last issue my wife and I have moved to Atlanta, Georgia, with address at 152 Mobile Avenue NE. We have a house there, so if anyone wants to come by we have an extra bed. Mail for this column can be addressed to either place, here or Alderson, W. Va.

—*Charley Nash.*

1949

I think the biggest news I have for you this time is that your godson had a baby sister, Jane Hall, born February 1, 1952. It is a pleasure to report that both the mother and sister are doing well. The father seems to be holding up also.

Last week I had the pleasure of spending three nights in Ann Arbor with Jack and Jean Albert and their two children. Bud and Bonnie Wynne visited one evening. The Guided Missile boys at Michigan claim that the work is no picnic, however, they all seem to be having a good time.

Now to give you some news of classmates in the States. I believe that most of our class have returned from Korea so the forthcoming issues should have more news. You fellows, wherever you may be, don't hesitate to drop us a note so that we can pass on the news to your other classmates.

Griff Jenkins, from Wright-Patterson AFB, writes that six of our classmates acted as pallbearers for the funeral of Allen J. Horton. We sincerely wish to send our sympathy to Allen's family. Dave Arnold is now in Germany working as an Air Technical Liaison officer. Jenkins, Virgil Millett, L. Moore, C. W. Anderson, F. Brock, Bobby Jack Stuart, and L. F. Moore are at the Institute of Technology taking graduate courses in Administration. Bill Stemple, Bill Dirkes, Bill Carroll, and Bill Gorog are working in Research and Development. We are happy to announce that the Millett's had their second boy, Mitchell Webb, in January.

A letter from Don Gower, who is now stationed at Fort Bliss going to school, says that at Christmas time he saw in San Antonio—Jack Hodes, J. Q. Arnette, Charlie Cheever, Trieschmann, Lynch, Crites, Punch Jamison, and Milt Kramer. Cheever had a large party for all the classmates. Apparently he is flying all over the country and dropping in on our classmates as I have had reports from practically everyone that has seen him.

Anita Raabe wrote that Ralph is still with the Cambridge Research Center in Massachusetts and is sweating out schooling right now. He hopes to get into M.I.T. The Raabes passed on the following news: Stan and Teet Bush are at Fort Sill and are planning to go to Maryland in April. Boyde and Alice Allen are at Camp Campbell, Dod Brandt is at Fairchild AFB in Washington, Joe and Jnelle Tye are now living in Aurora, Colorado awaiting school this Spring and Jack and Bev Finley are in Champaign, Illinois.

I heard that Bob Slizeski, Carl Arantz, and Hal Schultz are at Greenville AFB acquiring their wings. Bill Smith is at Bambridge, Georgia doing the same thing.

Jack Bender has written that he is enjoying his honeymoon at Fort Benning, Georgia. Jack is now Executive Officer of one of the Officer Candidate Companies at Fort Benning. He has run into Ralph Puckett, Johnny Hayes, Reed Jensen, Joe Eagers, and Charlie Bunn.

Frank Bondurant, who is now stationed in Sidi Slimane in French Morocco, writes that he and Tom Marsh are in the same Squadron and that George Sylvester is Adjutant of a Squadron very close by. Frank took leave at Christmas and toured England, Germany, and Italy with Dan Guyton who is stationed in Wiesbaden, Germany. They ran into Dick Stauffer and Gillespie during their travels in Germany.

A letter from Barney Cummings' mother tells that a number of people saw Barney's picture in a paper as a POW somewhere in North Korea. Other than the picture the Cummings' have not had any word from him.

I am sure that all of us would like to have more news from our classmates in Germany, Japan and other parts of the world. Just send us a postal card as to your whereabouts and we will publish it.

When I was in Detroit last week I talked on the phone to Ray Moss' mother and she told me that Ray was the champion singles hard ball player in Germany, the champion chess player and had been given the award as the most outstanding hockey player for 1951. She did not believe that he could be doing much flying with all these extracurricular activities.

Since there is no more news I hope to see some of you at June Week.

—*John I. Saalfield.*

1950

'Tis about that time of the year again—so if you'll join me we will take a peek around the world and see what the gang is doing—Shall we?????

Our first stop is Korea and Japan. The bad news from there is that Elliott Knott was killed while flying, Harry Rushing's plane went down, but nothing is official as to his status, and Johnnie Streit has been reported to be a POW. To Louise Knott—our deepest regrets—to Harry's wife—we are hoping for the best—and to Ann Streit—we are praying Johnny is O.K.

Johnnie Ufner, the class host in Tokyo, says he and Joe Elliot are trying to get the boys together as much as possible. The picture (see cut) tells who is there, and the following have assignments: Bolduc, Hammond, Ed. Pierce, and Mangum to the 187th RCT—Love and Ebner to the 5th RCT—while Lewandowski is training the FEC Olympic team. Those not in the picture, who have gone on to Korea are Bill Nelson, Ken Murphy, Nicolay, Schreve, Wheaton (Jim), Hanna, McBride, Rutherford, and Allen—Good Luck gang. As for Johnnie—he is aiding Gen. Stephens—Thank you John—you and Joe keep up the good work.

Marge Haberman wrote that Fred is with the 1st Cav. in Korea—First word of Fred since graduation. Thanks Marge.

Ray McCauley writes from the Fly-boys in Korea that all is going pretty well—and they are all anxious to get home—know what you mean, Ray! With him are Cooley, Page, Curry, Steffenson, Casserly, and Bonanno.

Les Holcomb in Japan and Dunc Jay are hobnobbing around with the Brass.

Dunc writes of a terrific Christmas Eggnog party with the following present—Holcomb, Lamdin, Bolte, Moll, Lewis, Tom Sharp (playing a fine piano), Dennis, Elliot and Tom Barry. Dunc, via the phone, got to talk to Vinson and Carl Johnson before they took off for the front to fly.

Shorty Gaillard writes that he is going to serenade the Japs with his "Bop"

Eddie Ramos is now in Korea fighting with the Phil. Army.

Leaving our peek-show in FECOM—we will completely ignore Alaska—no poop—and head for EUCOM.

To start with—got Christmas Cards from the Gearan's, Billy Hinds and Bob Hughes—but no poop. Thanks for the cards and a Happy Easter to you.

Bettie and Al Crawford wrote that with all the Signal Corps crowd at Stuttgart crowded into the Bannister's villa to hear the A-N game via short wave, long wave, and permanent wave—they shoulda' blowed a fuse.

Eddie and Dorrie Melton are stationed with the AF about sixty miles out of Paris. Seems as though Ed is putting his Juice to work installing electrical equipment in their temporary camp. Hope you know more about Juice now than as a cadet, Ed.

Bob Whiting with the AF in England is busy running the B-50's over there, but he has managed to run into Cragin, Miehe,

CLASS OF 1950 IN THE FAR EAST COMMAND

Abbruzzese, and Gradoville. They are all stationed in the same area near Lakenheath, so should be a good time for all.

Now back to the States—The first news is that Russ Leggett was killed when his plane crashed into the bay at Langley. We are all so very sorry.

Joe Magee writes from Willy Air Patch, Ariz. that contrary to this colunm's last publication, he is not married, and does *not* have a new baby girl—Am sorry Jack—about the mistake that is. He says that with him are Goodman, Hoover, Vlisides, Kaseman, Willerford and Williams. Lorette is at Observer School at Ellington, Novak at Enid, Baish still in Alaska, Ritteman in Japan, and Rusch at Tucson.

Marvin and June Rees write from Camp Atterbury, Ind. that he's in the hospital there, but due out anytime. Frank Sailer was with him but has vamoosed.

While up in Yankee land—the Pritchetts have left for Camp Cook, Ill. Bud is going to the 44th Div. and be an aide.

Bob Roberts from Bliss writes that with him are the Donahues, Poages, Gatleys and Tates with the Gilliams next door at Biggs AFB. With all of them married that should make quite a nice crowd.

Pris and Sam Nicholson are at Roswell with the B-36's. Others there are Bud White, Cronin, Bean and the Tandlers.

All kinds of poop from Breckinridge—Jane and John Fox were complaining that as soon as you got to know someone at Breckinridge they are shipped out—Jack Hanson is on the Division faculty in charge of BAR training for the recruits. Dwight Adams is aide to Bob Pierce's father, and also there is Ed Mastaglio.

On to Benning with letters from Gus and Shirley Dielens and Francois and Lily Therrien. The Dielens say the Class of '50 is really represented at Benning—in their block alone are the Fastucas, Sid Hinds, Bargers, Mayfields, Worleys and Shemwells. Save me a place Gus—ole "Uncle Zero" got engaged and I'll be heading down there soon with wife. Francois is going to the basic school there and after school is heading for Ft. Dix.

Dick Stewart and new wife are holding down the Fort at Campbell and also being aide to Gen. Sink.

Ramblings here and there and visitors to the Point since the last issue. Bloss stopped for lunch on his way to FECOM, Tonningsen up for week-ends from Dix—Bill Read back from Korea to be stationed in California, Ted York and wife down from Westover,—Whitfield on way to FECOM with the Bombers, Pat and Jack Murphy up for *Look* magazine (more about *Look* later), Bill Ward back from Korea going to Knox, Bill Jones stationed at Fort Sheridan, Ill., Ginny and Link Faurer on way to Topeka, Kans., Rounds, Pat Wilsons, Barker, Fooshé on way to EUCOM, Butlers and John Howards on way to Benning after Korea, Ebner on streets of NYC on way to FECOM, Jim Wheaton on way to FECOM, Pancho Elliot on a visit from hospital in Boston, saw the Gallaghers and Weavers in San Antonio at Christmas time, Hal and Sally Strickland—Hal on way to FECOM, Joan Page living here in Hi Falls waiting for Lou—Lil Casserly in South Orange—Judy Bashore moving to Hi Falls waiting to join Boyd in Germany.

Weddings—Dick and Carol Stewart, Francois and Lily Therrien, Phil and Tess Donahue (Tess is Willy Coate's sister), Warde and Joanne Wheaton, Ted York, Lyman Hammond, and Dwight Adams.

The new little ones—girls to Bob Hughes, Tullidges, Gillhams, and I. J. Wards; boys to the Crawfords, Jim Rosses, Nicholsons, Hutchisons, Bob Pierces, Gaffneys and Parmlys.

With a little space left—*Look* magazine is featuring an article on the Class of '50 in the May 20th issue. I realize that a lot of this news is old, but in a quarterly magazine that it can't be helped. Hope you will bear with me—Hope I haven't forgotten anyone—See ya around. —"*Zero*."

1951

Congratuations, '51. What with all the promotions, marriages, births, and engagement announcements which have occurred recently, it looks as though 1952 (a Leap Year, by the way) promises to be a good one for the Class of 1951.

Since RANK is somewhere near the fore of everyone's mind, let's begin there. Ted Picado has probably outclassed everyone. He is now a Captain in the Corps of Engineers in the Nicaraguan Army, stationed in Managua, serving as First Aide to Colonel Somoza (Class of '46). He and Sue visited Hal Shultz in Greenville, Miss. during February while in the States on a business trip.

From Vance AFB comes news that John Ritchie, Lou Bretzke, and Pop Taylor are all wearing that silver bar. Jerry Dickson is wearing same at Reese AFB. Congratulations, fellows.

It's a Boy! Wayne Robert Eppley, given official recognition by Larry and Vivian on the 28th day of January in Moultrie, Georgia; Walter Cooper Phillips, III, son of Walt and Mary, born the 19th of February at Ft. Bragg, N. C.; a son born to Dave Betts and Mrs. the 23rd of February (1:40 p.m.) in Flushing, Long Island; Paul Richard Cooper reporting to Anne and Ralph on the 23rd of February (11:45 p.m.) in El Paso, Texas. We also have news of a son, Jr., born to C. L. Galloway on March 4 in Bryan, Texas. Thomas Brandt Tennant arrived February 29, the proud parents being Elke and Brandt. Bill and Mrs. Scheumann now have a III, born March 4 at 9:15 p.m. in Holyoke, Mass.

She's a Darling! Cheryl Lynn Danforth, born on the 26th of February to Jo Ann and Joe. Joe even took the day off from flying!

There must be more additions to the Class. That cup as yet remains untarnished and UNENGRAVED. Let's make this race a photo finish. Send in the announcements to the Editor of *Assembly* promptly.

A note on marriages over Christmas which have not yet made *Assembly*: Howie and Martha Nell Wiles were married in Lexington, Ky.; Frank and Nancy Fischl, Adam Gorski and Johnny Crone; Fred Rockwell was married the 29th of December and sometime around then Ronnie Roberge signed Ritch's sister on the dotted line. (Thanks, Jackie.)

The Leap Month really caught quite a few '51ers napping. In chronological order: on the 2nd, Lum Brantley and Carolyn Cole (Alexandria, La.) were married in Greenville, Miss.; Jack Price and Pat Callan were married the 3rd at Long Island, N. Y.; on the 6th, Bud Richardson and Pat Car said their vows in Columbus, Ga.; Al Norton and Jean Yost (Greeneville, Tenn.) at Greenville, Miss.; the 7th; Barney Landry and Juana Basilio (New Orleans, La.) also on the 7th at Greenville, Miss.; Nob Reed and Swanie Fredrickson (White Plains, N. Y.) in Moultrie, Ga. on the 9th (the culmination of a cadet romance); Billy Ellis and Barbara Higgenbotham on the 9th in Lafayette, La., and Gus Villaret and Jo Ann Oliver (Camp Carson) on the 12th at Fort Myer, Va. Just got the news that Norm Brown and Betty Jean Martin said their vows on February 23rd. Whew! Whatta month!!!

Also from Ft. Dix, N. J. Frank Waldman writes that Chuck Goodnow and Steve Galligan have taken the big step. All in all, it looks like a successful month as far as securing wives (or should I say husbands?) is concerned. Welcome into the club, Gals.

J. Dan is still acquiring trophies. This time it was in the person of Mary Katherine Zimmerman of Washington, D. C., whose parents announced their engagement recently.

News locally received has it that Sandy Vandenberg has recovered from his automobile accident and is now back in basic flight training. You can't keep a good man down!

Concerning movements overseas: Dick Harris writes from Sasebo, Japan that he ran into quite a few guys at Ft. Lawton, Wash., on the way over. Of the Infantry there were Barnett De Ramus, R. E. Cooper, and John Norvell. Bill Depew, Bob Howes, Lane Holman, Joe Schuman and Herb Albritton comprised the Artillery and along with himself in the Engineers were John Storck, Bill Schooley, Dick Wells, "Chuck" Ewing, Tony Delano, George Bicker, "Ronnie" Roberge, Fred Rockwell, Al Frick, Al Esser, Tom Stumm, Jim Cousins, Dave Carter, Karl Peltz, "Crock" Crocker, and Glen McChristian . . . all are scheduled for Korea, however "Bucky" writes that he and a few others were lucky enough to fly over via Anchorage, Alaska, the rest had to wait and would probably catch a boat. Bucky also says he believes they'll be the first of the Class actually in Korea. Former orders for the Artillery were revoked and the Infantrymen sent over before are still in Japan.

John Derrick writes from Camp Carson that John Hooke, Elmer Birdseye and Dudley Thompson are on orders for EUCOM. Samuelson left N. Y. for Austria, John Hill is on the way to Ft. Richardson, Alaska, and he (Derrick), Roy Herte, Jerry Ingram and Bill Scheumann are going to FECOM.

From Fort Jackson, S. C. Russ Walthour writes that he, Ed Peter, Ed Zuver, Bob Volk, Pete Clay, Don Smith, John Tatum, Ken Herring and Tom Hastings are all on orders for FECOM, Bob Hyatt going to Germany. They all send a cheery "Hello" to the class of '51.

To stop a nasty rumor, Hal Shultz sends news from Vance AFB, Okla., that John Ritchie is there *personally* taking advanced training with "D" class. Certainly glad to hear that you haven't succumbed to the enemy, John.

We hear that Ralph Cooper left on March 3 for TDY in England with his SAC outfit.

Costanzo left February 28 for FECOM (Korea) . . . expects a two year tour, so says his mother.

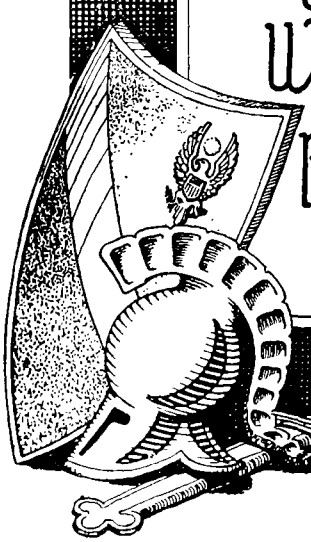
Polly Albritton says Herb left February 28 from Seattle for duty in Korea.

Whatever happened to: the boys in the Signal Corps? Seems like communications with them have broken down completely. Ed Partain? Surely hope he qualified for that commission so that he can "make his fortune (?) in the Army". Rockwell? Heard he broke a vertebra or two looking up to see if his 'chute was going to open. It did! John Osborn's face? Heard he revisited ole haunts in Juarez recently and walked right into the ground! Bailey's boy? Thought he had the cup cinched. Joe Fleming (in Technicolor?) Back in Germany, yet? Pat Lynch and his basically acquired "fifth" sense? Dick McCullough and those "But I told you vanilla" cartoons?

What with all the boys rushing off to FECOM and, if you are lucky, EUCOM, it looks like it's going to be up to the wives, mothers, sisters, and sweethearts to furnish news of the whereabouts and goings of "Black '51" Although we have only been "out" a year now, the Class is scattering before the wind and the least item, however trivial, is of interest to classmates on the diametrically opposite (Is that the way Smitty used to say it in those debates?) side of the globe. Just address your news to the Editor, *Assembly*, Association of Graduates, West Point, N. Y. So long; do right, and DO WRITE! —"*P. T.*"

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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Wilber Elliott Wilder

NO. 2672 CLASS OF 1877

DIED JANUARY 30, 1952, AT GOVERNORS ISLAND, NEW YORK, AGED 95 YEARS.

WHEN a person has lived to the age of 95, it is highly unlikely that any old friends will be at hand to furnish those intimate details of the aged individual's life which tend to throw real light on his character and achievements.

In the case of a retired officer who dies at the age of 95, there is naturally the record in the Adjutant General's office to furnish historical data. Perhaps a recital based on that record would be more a skeleton than a living picture. All things considered, the person best qualified in such a case to sketch the life of such an officer is his nearest living relative.

With this apology, if such it be, as the oldest of my father's children, I shall try to sketch his life and character as I have gleaned from his and from my own recollections.

There is little material contributed by himself because of his reluctance to discuss his experiences in any way that seemed to reflect glory or credit upon himself.

One of my earliest recollections as a boy about a cavalry post is of the affection which the men of my father's troop held for him and of his reputation for exemplary fairness, though at the same time a strict disciplinarian. The men of his troop presented him with a sabre when he left them for staff duty. This was "H" Troop, 4th Cavalry, of which my father was Captain in 1895.

Skipping many years, to illustrate again his feeling for his men—in his last illness, when at times in the hospital his imagination placed him once more in command of his troop out on the plains, his first interest was in issuing orders for the comfort and protection of his men and his horses. One of his nurses asked him when he was again entirely himself what his chief concern was, and he answered promptly and in his usual emphatic military way "The first things I always thought of were my men and my horses".

One more incident on the day of his funeral speaks of his character as a soldier. An aged veteran of the 14th New York "Volunteers", which he commanded as Colonel in the Spanish-American war told me how my father rode into the regimental camp and saw an open drain which he ordered closed up as his very first act. His second act was to order all water to be boiled. His third, they said, was to requisition Washington by telegram for water filters which arrived in short order, and got the bully beef which they were using condemned, and there was bacon substituted for it. This old veteran said "Your father saved the lives of the whole regiment".

My father once told me with pride that when he took the 5th Cavalry, of which he was Colonel, into Mexico with General Pershing, he didn't lose a single horse on the long ride down and back.

A former officer of this regiment has written of his own experience when my father was in command at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. He wrote that my father was very strict in demanding of each officer his best efforts, but that practically always any officer disciplined was more than ready to admit the justice of the discipline, and as I have heard from many other sources, too, no past offense was ever held against an offender. This officer also recalled how the Colonel was always ready to have a drink at the mess with Doak or Hanson or others of the young officers who had just joined after graduation from West Point.

Wilber Elliott Wilder graduated from West Point in June, 1877, when he was just short of 21 years old. His age at graduation is accounted for by the fact that, due to an error, he was just under 17 when he entered the Military Academy in June of 1873. He and his classmates did not join their respective regiments until December of that year because the Army had no funds for their pay and maintenance. Imagine, if you can, Congress not making appropriations to cover the then extremely tenuous military establishment consisting of not over 25,000 troops, including, as I understand, all the supply and staff departments.

Young Wilder's inactivity during this first brief period of his military career was the prelude to very considerable activity extending over many years. Having been assigned to the 4th Cavalry, which was then engaged in frequent campaigns against the Indians, he was never absent from his command during any of the 10 or 15 years on any occasion when they were in the field. He was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor and brevet captaincy while he was still a First Lieutenant commanding a troop of the 4th Cavalry. He carried off a wounded soldier who had been left between the Indians and the troops during a forced retreat which the troops had made.

To my mind, however, his greatest single exploit was his ride into Geronimo's camp at the end of a year's pursuit by General Nelson A. Miles. No one knew whether the Indians would surrender, or whether anyone venturing into their camp to find out would ever return. For this service General Miles was always a devoted friend.

These are incidents of the old frontier days I have learned from other sources than my father, who hardly ever mentioned anything to his personal credit. I have confirmation of my father's ride into the Indian camp by no less a person than the late General Leonard Wood, who wrote a letter in which he referred directly to this achievement.

With the old days of the frontier well in the past, my father was stationed at West Point as Adjutant of the Military Academy in 1895. In 1898, in the Spanish-American war he commanded the 14th New York "Volunteers". After in the Philippine insurrection he was Lieutenant Colonel of new "Volunteers", but never served with his regiment because he was assigned by General Arthur MacArthur first to organize and command the Maccabebe Scouts, and after nearly capturing Aguinaldo, he was detailed to the staff of General Arthur MacArthur in Manila. As Colonel of the 5th Cavalry, he was second in command in General Pershing's Expeditionary Force into Mexico.

His efficiency as a line officer was abundantly recognized by important assignments to field duty, but his record in time of peace was hardly less distinguished. He was detailed to staff duty as adjutant general and as inspector general of departments, into which the continental U.S. was formerly divided. As Colonel of the 5th Cavalry he received the special commendation of General Leonard Wood, then Chief of Staff, for the regiment's extraordinarily fine showing. As soon as practicable after his inspection of the regiment, General Wood had it moved from Fort Huachuca to Fort Myer, where my father was in command until World War I.

The early promise of great military rewards, which his career abounded in, was not fruitful in his latest years in the Army, although he was three times recommended, by General Arthur MacArthur, General Greeley and General Wood, respectively, for the rank of Brigadier General. It seems he was much too outspoken to retain the favor of the powers that then held the reins in Washington, and he finally retired in 1920 as a Colonel. It was not until after his retirement that, by Special Act of Congress, he and four other retired Colonels were promoted to the grade of Brigadier General, which rank he had held temporarily during World War I.

General Wilder died in the Post Hospital at Fort Jay, Governors Island, N. Y., on January 30, 1952. He was accorded an eleven gun salute at noon of the day of his funeral, which was with full military honors. He was buried in Ridgefield, Connecticut, his home for 25 years. The ceremonies at the cemetery were honored by the presence of a representative of Governor Lodge of Connecticut, and by a detail from the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Some seven years after his graduation, the gallant young Lieutenant of Cavalry won the heart of the lovely sister of a brother officer with whom he had campaigned against the Indians. The officer was Captain John W. Martin of the 4th Cavalry, and his sister was Violet Blair Martin. Lieutenant Wilder and Miss Martin were married at the bride's ancestral home—Willowbrook—Owasco Lake, about four miles from Auburn, N. Y.

Over the following years children were born to them—Throop Martin Wilder, the late Mrs. Alvary Gascoigne (nee Sylvia Wilder), Wilber E. Wilder, Jr., Cornelia Martin Wilder, and Violet Blair Wilder.

—*Throop Wilder.*

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Lincoln Clark Andrews

NO. 3524 CLASS OF 1893

DIED NOVEMBER 24, 1950, AT NORTHAMPTON, MASSACHUSETTS, AGED 83 YEARS.

LINCOLN CLARK ANDREWS, Class of 1893, was born at Owatonna, Minnesota, 21 November 1867, oldest son of Charles T. and Mary Clark Andrews, and direct descendant of John and Mary Andrews (9th generation), founders of Farmington, Connecticut, 1640.

His family returned to New York, where his youth was spent at Wattems, Hector and Seneca Falls, where he was graduated at the head of his high school class. He was delayed in entrance to college by eye trouble and worked for some time on his father's paper. He won an appointment to the Military Academy over seventeen competitors, and entered the Academy in June 1889, the oldest member of his class, and hence nicknamed "Daddy"

As a "yearling" he was senior corporal and member of the color guard, as second

classman senior sergeant, and as first classman senior lieutenant.

In his studies he always stood well and was graduated number 13 in the class of 51 graduates.

His earnest, intelligent attention to duty, together with a keen sense of humor and a most engaging manner endeared him to the members of the class, the families of the faculty, and the summer visitors to the Academy.

Upon graduation he was assigned to Troop "G", 3rd Cavalry, which he joined at Fort Riley, Kansas after a leave spent at Washington and the Chicago World's Fair, and at other places.

He served with his troop during the Debs riots in Chicago in 1894, afterwards spending a leave in Europe. In 1897 he entered the School of the Line at Fort Leavenworth.

In 1898 he served with his regiment in the Santiago campaign and later on mustering out duty. He was sick in the hospital and on sick leave for several months.

On March 2, 1899 he was promoted to First Lieutenant and on August 17, 1899 was appointed Major of Volunteers. He reported at Fort Ethan Allen, Vermont, where he was second in command of the 43rd In-

fantry, and in charge of the training of the regiment. He sailed from New York with the regiment which was assigned to the Kobbe expedition to operate in the Visayas, where he was active in many engagements. He was first American Governor of Leyte.

Later he visited Japan and returned to the United States and was detailed to organize a new Cavalry regiment, the 15th on March 26, 1901.

He sailed for Zamboanga, P.I. in January 1902, where he performed many important Quartermaster duties, culminating in a detail as assistant to the Chief of the Quartermaster Department in Mindanao.

In 1903 he was relieved from duty in the Philippines and detailed for duty at West Point, where he remained until December 25, 1906.

Under date of January 6, 1901 Major Andrews was recommended for brevet commissions of Lieutenant Colonel and Colonel of Volunteers, for gallantry in action at Hilangos and LaPaz, Mindanao, by the regimental commander, 43rd Infantry.

For services in World War I he was made an officer of the French Legion of Honor and Commander of the Order of the Crown of Italy.

In 1922 he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, General Pershing's citation stating:—

"He originated in military training the analysis and study of the qualities of military leadership and the psychology of military training, and by his lectures and writing did much to make possible the successful training of thousands of civilians into efficient military leaders.

"He served in turn as organizer of the 304th Cavalry, as Commander of the 172nd Infantry Brigade as assistant to the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5, General Headquarters, American Expeditionary Forces, and as Deputy Provost Marshal, in all of which capacities he held positions of great responsibility and rendered exceptionally meritorious services."

The following quoted extract from the Burlington (Vermont) *Free Press* gives an account of General Andrews' service in World War I, and since retirement:

"General Lincoln C. Andrews" * * * "one-time Assistant Secretary of the Treasury under Andrew Mellon, 1925-27, and a graduate of West Point in 1893, died Friday night at the Veterans' Hospital, Northampton, Mass.

"He served as brigadier-general in the National Army of World War I and retired, at his own request, in 1919 after 30 years of service.

"For 50 years, General Andrews has had his summer home at Westerly, Grand Isle, Vt., and since his retirement has made his home in Burlington and recently in a nursing home in Winooski, Vt.

"Born at Owatonna, Minn., November 21, 1867, the son of Charles T. and Mary Clark Andrews of Schuyler County, New York, General Andrews had a colorful and brilliant career in the U.S. Army.

"An aide on the staff of General Sumner at the battle of Santiago, Cuba during the Spanish-American War, he was later made major of the 43rd Infantry Division, U.S. Volunteers, organized and trained at Fort Ethan Allen, Vt. He saw active service with them in the Philippines, 1899-03, where he also served as governor of Leyte.

"The author of several military books, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal by the War Department for 'exceptional meritorious and distinguished services'."

After retirement from the Army, General Andrews was called to various public and private administrative posts. He was executive officer of the New York Transit Commission; receiver of the New York Queens Railway Co., and was Assistant Secretary of the Treasury under Andrew Mellon, 1925-27, when he was in charge of the Coast Guard and of Prohibition Law Enforcement.

"General Andrews married Charlotte Williams Graves, daughter of the late Rev. and Mrs. Gemont Graves, D.D., of Burlington, Vt., in 1899.

"He is survived by his wife; his son, John Graves Andrews of San Francisco; two grandsons, John Torrey Andrews and Marvin Clark Andrews; three sisters, Mrs. Frederick P. Eastman, South Bend, Ind., Miss Genevieve Andrews of Dundee, N. Y., and Mrs. Walter H. Magill, Germantown, Pa.; two brothers, Prof. Benjamin R. Andrews, Burlington and Don E. Andrews of Fairhope, Ala.

"One of General Andrews' happy experiences, late in life, was a message he received from the survivors of his 43rd Volunteers. It was a medal bearing the following inscription:

"'U.S. 43rd Infantry Volunteers—Luzon, Samar, Leyte, 1899-03—To Brigadier General Lincoln C. Andrews, Officer and Gentleman, Second to None'.

"His methods of training put emphasis upon character and mental activity in the leader and upon his developing the understanding, confidence and initiative and active co-operation of his men, rather than upon traditional military discipline."

—*L. F. K.*

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Harry Howard Pattison

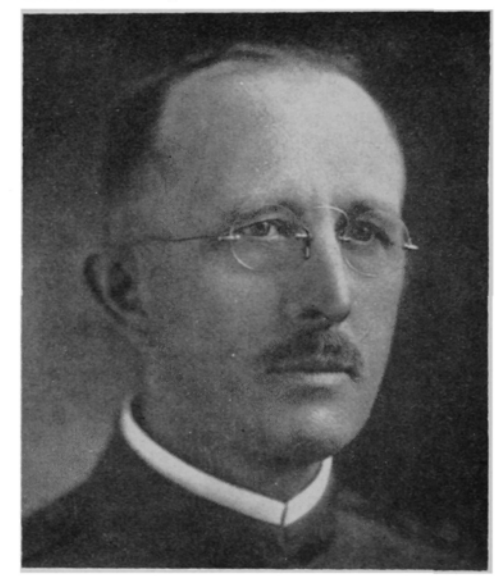
NO. 3546 CLASS OF 1893

DIED OCTOBER 4, 1951, AT PALO ALTO, CALIFORNIA, AGED 82 YEARS.

HARRY HOWARD PATTISON was born in Ohio, October 28, 1868, and entered the Military Academy June 15, 1889, appointed from Indiana. At the Academy Cadet Pattison was most popular. He was corporal, sergeant, lieutenant and finally captain of Company "D". An outstanding athlete, he was a member of the Academy baseball and football teams. He graduated and was appointed an Additional Second Lieutenant of Cavalry on June 12, 1893. His military record is as follows:

(Second Lieut. of Cavalry, 3d Cavalry, July 21, 1893)

Served: Garrison duty at Fort Reno, Okla., Sept. 30, 1893 (in the field, preventing disturbances of the Oklahoma boomers, April to Aug. 1894) to Oct. 7, 1895; at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., to April 19, 1898; with regiment at Camp Thomas, Ga., and at Tampa,



Fla., to June 14, 1898; in the campaign against Santiago, and in Cuba, to Aug., 1898, being engaged in the battle of San Juan, July 1-3, and in the siege of Santiago to July 17, 1898; on sick leave, Aug. 22 to Oct. 2, 1898; with regiment at Augusta, Ga., to Feb. 1899;

(First Lieut. of Cavalry, 3d Cavalry, March 2, 1899)

At Fort Sheridan, Ill., to Aug., 1899; en route to and in Philippines to—; (Regimental Commissary, Oct. 4, 1899 to —).

May 15, 1901; in campaign, Northern Luzon, Lawton's division, Oct. to Dec. 1899; Commissary at San Fernando, Union, Jan. to June 1900; Sales Depot and Chief Commissary, 1st District, Northern Luzon, July, 1900 to June, 1901.

(Captain, 15th Cavalry, Feb. 19, 1901)
(Transferred to 3d Cavalry, Aug. 14, 1901)

Commanding convalescent company at Discharge Camp, Angel Island, Cal., Nov., 1901 to May 1902; at Fort Assinniboine, Mont., June 1902 to Nov. 1905; Coach of Army Cavalry Team in National Match, 1904; member of Army Cavalry Team and holder of competition record with carbine, 1905; enroute to and in the Philippine Islands, Dec., 1905 to Nov., 1907.

(Transferred to 3d Cavalry, Aug. 9, 1901)

At Tokyo, Japan, Attache of American Embassy and student officer of the Japanese language, December 1907, to May, 1911; at Hdqrs., Philippine Division, Manila, with Military Information Division, January to—

(Transferred to 7th Cavalry, Feb. 25, 1912)
July, 1912; at Fort William McKinley, P. I., with 7th Cavalry, to—
(Transferred to 12th Cavalry, Oct. 1, 1913)
At Fort Yellowstone, Wyo., and Presidio of Monterey, Cal., with 1st Cavalry, December, 1913 to March, 1916; on Mexican border to—

(Major, 1st Cavalry, July 1, 1916)

May, 1917; at Madison Bks., N. Y., Instructor at Officers' Training Camp; to—

(Lieut.-Colonel of Cavalry, July 25, 1917)
(Colonel of Cavalry, National Army, Aug. 5, 1917)

August, 1917; at Camp Meade, Md., with Depot Brigade, September, 1917, to Oct. 1, 1918; at Washington, D. C., student officer, special course, at Army War College, October, 1918; with Hdqrs. Siberian Expeditionary Forces, Nov. 30, 1918, to March 1, 1919; at Fort Leavenworth, Kans., student officer at Army School of the Line, August to October, 1919.

Lieutenant Colonel, U.S.A., Retired
Oct. 10, 1919 At His Own Request, After Over 30 Years' Service
Colonel, U.S.A., Retired, June 21, 1930, Act of June 21, 1930

Awarded Silver Star and cited "for gallantry in action against Spanish forces at Santiago de Cuba, July 1, 1898"

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He married Lola Charlton on September 12, 1918. Their children: Lola C., born July 3, 1920, and Harry C., born January 8, 1925.

—*L. F. K.*

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Edward Hugh Schulz

NO. 3617 CLASS OF 1895

DIED MARCH 3, 1951, AT BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA, AGED 78 YEARS.

A DEVOTED Christian, a splendid soldier and a steadfast friend whom "we have loved long since and lost awhile" has gone to his rest.

"Sox" Schulz was born in Wheeling, West Virginia, January 23, 1873. His parents were Henry John Schulz and Gertrude Niesz Schulz, both of whom were members of a large group of German Methodists who had originally settled on both sides of the Ohio River at the turn of the nineteenth century. Their son Edward was the second of seven children. Their home life was a happy one and they were all reared in a devout Christian atmosphere. It was a family of well developed and varied musical tastes. The father played the organ and sang with his children in the evenings. Every child had a special musical talent. Edward played well on the organ and the violin. These diversions he was able to enjoy until a few days before his death.

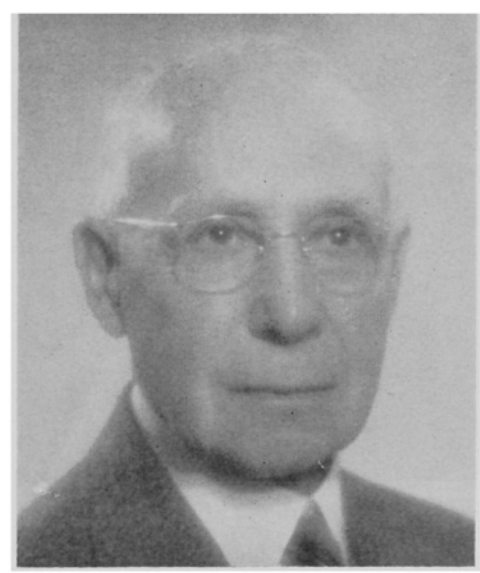
In his school work Edward early gave evidence of outstanding scholarship. He graduated with high honors from the Wheeling High School at the age of sixteen. Afterwards he attended the Wheeling Business School, finishing the course in half the allotted time. He then secured employment in a business house. He had a strong physique, was fond of gymnastics, and played on a Y.M.C.A. basketball team.

Schulz took a competitive examination for West Point and won the designation as a candidate for admission to the Academy. He became a cadet on June 17, 1891. From the start of his cadet career Schulz acquired high class standing, and he graduated at the head of the class of 1895. But he was much more than a mere "book worm". He managed to do a great deal of serious reading outside of the course. He was also very active in the Cadet Y.M.C.A. His kindly and spiritual nature impelled him to be very helpful in the post Sunday School at West Point, in which he taught a class and played the organ.

It was the privilege of this writer to have "Sox" as a roommate during two of his years at West Point. The cheerful companionship of "Sox" and his helpfulness can never be forgotten. Also being a good violinist, he often entertained his friends with his music.

Upon graduation Schulz was commissioned in the Corps of Engineers. His first assignment was to the Battalion of Engineers which was then stationed at the Engineer School at Willett's Point, N. Y., (now Fort Totten) where he entered with zest into the routine duties of the post. He continued on this assignment until the breaking out of the Spanish-American War when he was transferred to the torpedo defenses of Hampton Roads, Virginia, and Charleston, South Carolina. In October 1899 Schulz was assigned to New London, Connecticut, where he was given duty in connection with the fortifications at the eastern entrance of Long Island Sound. From August 1901 to May 1905 Schulz was on duty at New York City as recorder of the Board of Engineers.

Next came an important military engineering task in the construction of fortifications



for the defense of the United States Naval Base at Guantanimo Bay, Cuba, from May 1905 to May 1907. During these two years "Sox" made many friends among officers of the U.S. Navy who kept in touch with him for many years.

During the period 1907-12 Schulz was district engineer at Sioux City, Iowa, and Kansas City, Missouri, supervising the improvement of the Missouri River and its tributaries. Simultaneously he was consulting engineer for the Kaw River Drainage District, which gave him considerable reputation as a civil engineer. From 1912 to 1916 he was in charge of the control of the channels of the Mississippi Delta and other waters and at the same time he supervised work on the fortifications below New Orleans. Immediately following this assignment Schulz took charge of the St. Paul and Duluth districts doing engineering work on those portions of the Mississippi River and Lake Superior which were in that vicinity. He remained on this detail until the breaking out of World War I.

While serving as a lieutenant colonel in the Regular Army Schulz was commissioned a colonel in the National Army to date from August 5th, 1917. This promotion resulted in his assignment to the command of the 109th Regiment of Combat Engineers of the 34th Division, which he organized and trained at Camp Cody, New Mexico, from August 1917 to April 1918. During this period he had additional duty as chief engineer of the 34th Division.

In April 1918 Schulz was transferred to Vancouver Barracks, Washington, where he was post commander and also commanding officer of the 604th Regiment of Engineers. In May he took this regiment to Camp Leach at Washington, D. C. While there in addition to his duties as a regimental commander Schulz organized seven regiments of engineers, namely the 27th, 40th, 68th, 78th, 79th, 97th and 98th. From 1919 to 1920 Schulz was district engineer at Milwaukee, Wis. Following this assignment and until 1925 he was district engineer at Seattle, Wash., and at the same time he served as division engineer of the North Pacific Division.

Resuming purely military duty, Schulz took command of the Third Regiment of Combat Engineers at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. By his versatility and leadership he brought his soldiers to the same state of efficiency in the handling of infantry weapons as prevailed in the infantry regiments. Simultaneously Schulz was division engineer of the Hawaiian Division and also in charge of river and harbor engineering.

Upon returning to the United States in 1926 Schulz was assigned as district engineer at Chicago, Ill., and also as engineer of the Sixth Corps Area until 1928. He was a member of the Mississippi River Commission from February 1927 to June 1929. He was a member of the Board on the Great Lakes Connecting Waters from June 1926 to June 1928. From then until October 1929 he was division engineer of the Great Lakes Division with station at Cleveland, Ohio.

For the next four years and until November 1933 Schulz was in command of the Engineer School at Fort Humphreys (now Fort Belvoir) Virginia. As additional duty he served throughout this period as a member of the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors. While commanding Fort Humphreys Schulz commenced a building program under which the temporary structures still left from the World War I period were replaced by permanent masonry buildings. He personally did most of the planning and began the construction. Simultaneously with his work as school commandant and post commander Schulz gave personal attention to the uncovering of the foundation ruins of the historic Belvoir Mansion, which are located on the military reservation of Fort Humphreys. He took appropriate measures for the preservation of these ruins. In Colonial times the Belvoir Mansion was the home of Colonel William Fairfax, who was the original owner of the Belvoir estate. He was a friend of George Washington and was his next door neighbor at Mount Vernon. Colonel Schulz also wrote a pamphlet giving a brief historic account of the Fairfax family and the Belvoir mansion.

The last active duty of Colonel Schulz was at the Presidio of San Francisco as engineer of the Ninth Corps Area. As such he was charged with supervising the location and construction of the approaches of the Golden Gate Bridge through the Presidio, Fort Scott and Fort Baker military reservations. It was because of his engineering work at San Francisco and in previous years at Kansas City that his biography has been set forth in "Who's Who in America" and in "Who's Who in Engineering"

During the emergency period and World War II Schulz was engaged in numerous translations for the War Department and the Corps of Engineers, even though he was no longer on active duty.

"Sox" was a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and the Society of American Military Engineers. He was the author of several treatises among which

were: "Use of Searchlights"; "Report on the Missouri River"; "Report on the Southwest Pass"; "Diversion Channels of the Mississippi River"; "Report of the Mississippi River Commission on Flood Control" He was a contributor to the "Military Engineer" and the "Engineering News Record"

During the last years of his active service "Sox" was afflicted with an organic ailment which caused him much suffering but which he bore with his characteristic courage and patience. He was retired on account of physical disability on January 31st 1937. After his retirement Colonel and Mrs. Schulz took up their residence in Berkeley, California, where they built a home at 204 El Camino Real. Schulz's death occurred there on March 3, 1951. During his retirement he not only maintained his professional interests but found much pleasure and recreation in painting and in occasional travel. The happy home life with his parents and brothers and sisters, which he had enjoyed in childhood and in adolescent years, was reflected in the family life of his own mature years.

On October 12, 1898 he married Miss Katherine Julia Muhleman, whom he had met and courted since his furlough summer. Theirs was a very happy married life. He was a devoted husband and father and his kindly personality radiated not only to his family circle but out and beyond to all who knew him. His was that rare and beautiful gift, a genius for friendship.

Schulz is survived by Mrs. Schulz and three daughters: Gertrude A. Hausman, wife of Colonel William A. Hausman, Air Force Reserve, of Seattle, Wash.; Katherine L. Bruce, wife of Colonel Albert W. Bruce, Engineer Reserve, of Berkeley, California; and Caroline E. Service, wife of Mr. J. S. Service, of Washington, D. C. Also surviving is a sister, Mrs. Harold W. Cammanns of Newport, R. I.; two brothers, William H. Schulz of Wheeling, West Virginia, and Brig-Gen. John W. N. Schulz, U.S. Army, Retired, Washington, D. C.; and eight grandchildren.

Funeral services were held March 6th at the chapel of the Presidio of San Francisco, followed by interment in the Presidio National Cemetery. Dr. Vere V. Loper, minister of the First Congregational Church of Berkeley, of which Colonel and Mrs. Schulz were members, conducted the services at the chapel. Chaplain Dayton D. Drake, U.S. Army, officiated at the committal service. Of the thirteen pallbearers nine were Army officers, two were Navy officers, and two were neighbors in civil life.

At the chapel service preceding the interment Doctor Loper delivered a very impressive address of which the following are extracts: "He had a sterling sense of honor. His duty was a paramount consideration with him. He never shrank from it". * * * "We honor him for his sense of beauty. He loved the beautiful and was able to create it as well as admire it. He found great satisfaction in his paintings. They reveal the cultural depth of his life." * * * "We pay our honor to him for his capacity for friendship. His friends meant a great deal to him." * * * "His life was rooted and grounded in religion. His loyalty to the church was a lifelong concern. The fine qualities of his life were in part the fruit of his belief in God and his desire to be true to his religious convictions." In this address Doctor Loper made a summation of "Sox's" character which we who were privileged to know him and who were his lifelong comrades can recognize as having been more than well earned.

Schulz has joined "Those immortal souls who live again in minds made better by their presence"

—*R. C. L.*

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Charles Franklin Severson

NO. 4191 CLASS OF 1903

DIED FEBRUARY 17, 1951, AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, AGED 71 YEARS.

CHARLES FRANKLIN SEVERSON was born in Illinois January 3rd, 1880, and entered West Point with the Class of 1903. He died in Los Angeles, California, on February 17th, 1951.

Severson was known variously to his many friends as "Charles", "Norsky" and "Sep". His quiet, genial dignity endeared him to his classmates and won the respect of all his associates in the Corps of Cadets and of the officers at the Academy. He was a man who walked through his cadet days and his mature life with a friendly smile, leaving behind him a host of friends as he went through life.

He was an "A" Company man and he and Douglas MacArthur had become such close friends that for their last two years they roomed together. MacArthur took great

pride in Charles' record at the Academy and in later life. Few friendships have been more steadfast and sincere.

Before entering West Point, Severson served six months in the Michigan National Guard. He joined the Infantry on graduation. His first assignment was to the 24th Infantry, and he served with that regiment at Fort Sheridan, Fort Harrison and in the Philippine Islands. This first taste of the tropics pleased him and proved to be the forerunner of several years of service near the equator.

The assignment which always had a place close to his heart was in 1909 as PMS&T at St. John's Military Academy at Delafield, Wisconsin, because he had attended that school as a boy. It was at this time that he received his first promotion—to First Lieutenant—a promotion which paled into insignificance in later life, but which at the time was gratifying as the step from the ground to the first rung of the ladder of service. This tour of duty at his old school lasted four years, and for many more years he was to enjoy serving at the same school on later tours of duty. General Roy F. Farrand, the Headmaster of St. John's, wrote of him at the time of his death, "Working with him for some sixteen years I knew him as a grand man and a good soldier. I am sure that he will be welcome as he reports to the Great Commander on the other side"

For the next two years he was a company commander in the 17th Infantry at Fort McPherson and later in the rough and rugged Texas frontier country of Eagle Pass. Then came three years back at his school, St. John's Military Academy, during which time he received his Captaincy. By this time we had entered the First World War and he was assigned to the 41st Infantry and participated in its training at Fort Snelling and Fort Crook. From the regular grade of Captain, "Sep" reached the temporary grade of Lieutenant Colonel during the war years, then returned to the regular grade of Major. In 1919 he went back to his old school, St. John's, for another tour of four years. He took the courses and graduated from the Advanced Course of the Infantry School in 1924 and the Command and General Staff School in 1925 as a Distinguished Graduate. He enjoyed service at both of these schools, for his natural desire to add to his fund of military knowledge made the courses pleasant, and being with so many old and new friends among the student officers fitted in with his love for people generally. He next served for three years as Officer in Charge of Corps Area Zone of Interior and Assistant Liaison Officer of Organized Reserves at 5th Corps Area Headquarters.

At this stage of Severson's career he was to receive his preliminary training in the forces charged with the defense of the Panama Canal. For one year he was Executive Officer of the 14th Infantry near the Caribbean end of the Canal, and for one year he was Executive Officer at Fort Clayton, near the Pacific end—where he was to serve as commanding officer in his next tour of duty in the Canal Zone, while his classmate, Campbell B. Hodges commanded at Fort Davis.

Severson graduated from the Army War College and then was appointed Secretary of the General Staff when his good friend, classmate and roommate, Douglas MacArthur, was Chief of Staff. This was the service that ranked in "Sep's" mind as that which brought him closest to his real place in the sun where we all knew he belonged. He made a splendid Secretary, as those who were in Washington at the time will confirm. When MacArthur finished his service as Chief of Staff in 1935, he went to the Philippine Islands to begin what was to be his long service there. He asked for the services of Severson in his initial work with the Philippine Army, but the request was not granted. "Sep" had been scheduled for important duties in Panama.

Severson, now a Colonel, returned to the Canal Zone, and assumed the responsibilities of Commanding Officer of the 33rd Infantry and Post Commander of Fort Clayton. When the Seversons arrived at their new post, they were right in the midst of the Class of 1903. They were in their glory. "Scraggy" Hodges was there commanding the 14th Infantry, Julian Schley was on duty as Governor of the Panama Canal, Fred Smith was Chief of Staff of the Department, and Turtle and some others of the Class from time to time held various posts of command. Pete Miller, sports writer for the newspaper, "The Panama-American", wrote of him in his column at the time: "Commanding Officers are Commanding Officers as a rule, but when you run into one that fairly radiates regular fellowship then you've met a combination that is hard to beat—Colonel Severson is the gentleman in question—commanding officer at Fort Clayton"

Through his training of the regiment, which he revised to conform better to its mission, culminating in the annual maneuvers for the defense of the Canal, the 33rd Infantry stood out. He filled his position as leader of his regiment and as post commander with marked distinction. Charles, as commanding officer, and Antoinette, as the Colonel's charming lady, gave to the post and regiment a tone which distinguish-

ed them throughout the Canal Zone. Efficiency, pride, cordiality and hospitality permeated Fort Clayton. This experience together with his service as Secretary of the General Staff stood out in "Sep's" recollections in later life as the high spots of his career.

His next and last station was at the University of California at Los Angeles where he was PMS&T. There the Seversons were taken into the bosom of the faculty family as they had been at St. John's School. The President and Mrs. Sproul were especially good friends of theirs. The Acting Provost of the University, Vern O. Knudsen, at the time of Charles' death, wrote to the family on behalf of all the faculty: "As you know, we all regarded him as one of our highly esteemed colleagues, based on his knowledge and wisdom in academic as well as military affairs. But it was his friendly and kindly manner that bound us to him in deep affection".

He remained on this work until November 30, 1943, when he was placed on the retired list for the second time. He had retired as a Colonel by reason of physical disability in 1942, but was recalled to active duty the following day. His physical disability was a serious one, but he was able to carry on for one more year on this kind of work during the war before he had to resort to a more quiet life.

"Sep" amassed a great fund of stories during his service, many of them about MacArthur. These he loved to tell. They began way back in his furlough days when together they visited General and Mrs. Arthur MacArthur. The story that topped "Sep's" repertoire was about the first day of furlough—the day of the famous Class banquet when all speeches were prepared and few delivered. The story begins by his telling about how he smoked his first cigarette on the way to New York on the old "West Shore". Part two of his yarn relates how he and Mac and two other classmates lined up at the old Murray Hill bar and ordered several martinis to be placed in military alignment before them, partly, to be sure, to celebrate "Sep's" first drink, not first for the day, but first for all time. Anyone knowing Charles as a yearling can picture the satisfaction he must have shown in being really devilish, for him. Twice in one day he had broken new ground. These four men reported for duty all right at the banquet that night, as the photograph of that great event clearly shows. Well, he had a good time and he always liked to share good things with others. He became a man of the world, so to speak, overnight, and his later life showed how well he learned to feel at home with all manner of people—a diplomat, if you will, and a good one.

The following is a portion of a letter which was received by Charles' wife from an old friend who had served under him for many years. Coming as it does from the heart, it constitutes a sincere tribute that marks the man for what we knew him to be. "It was always a pleasure as well as a privilege to have had as a friend and to have served under that grand and good man. The world has too few of such men and their likes will not be found again in our time."

Nobody ever could describe Severson without referring to his wonderful personality. That was so because it surrounded his every act. His loyalty was equally to the fore. It is characteristic of him that, but a short time before the end came, as he sat with his wife in the evening, he said to her that he would that night pray that his old roommate, Douglas, who was then returning by air to America, might arrive safely again upon the shores of this country and that his service here might continue to be as fine as in the past when he had served with him, and that his life might be happy always.

As evidence of the mutual regard in which Charles and Douglas MacArthur held each other, General MacArthur wrote the following letter to Antoinette, "The announcement of your husband's death came as a great shock to me, and I want you to know how deeply I share your sorrow. He was my roommate at West Point and the ties of our affectionate comradeship formed then lasted through life. He was a grand friend, an accomplished soldier and above all else, a most delightful gentleman. For me his passing leaves a void that can never be quite filled".

Charles felt so much at home in California that he was buried as he wished in the National Cemetery at Sawtelle near his own new home in Westwood, Los Angeles.

He leaves his widow, Antoinette; two sons, Charles, Jr., and John E.; a daughter, Mrs. Alice Reynolds; and seven grandchildren. His family home is at 2044 Linnington Ave., Westwood, Los Angeles 25, California.

We have lost a staunch and gracious comrade, conspicuous for his integrity and tolerance. We shall miss him and we shall cherish his memory as a fine type of manhood who loved life and all those about him.

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Joseph Page Aleshire

NO. 4922 CLASS OF 1910

DIED JANUARY 25, 1951, AT MOBILE, ALABAMA, AGED 63 YEARS.

"APPLEGATE — Barber — Bardin — Barr — Barton—Beard." The date was June 15, 1906. The place was the Area of Cadet Barracks, United States Military Academy, West Point, N. Y. New Cadet Joseph Page Aleshire was calling, for the first time, the alphabetical roll of his equally new cadet classmates in what was to be the Class of 1910, U.S.M.A. Joe was born some eighteen years and six months before this event, on December 6, 1887, at Fort Custer, Montana. He was the son of Second Lieutenant of Cavalry James Buchanan Aleshire (U.S.M.A. 1880), later Quartermaster General of the Army, and Mrs. Aleshire (née Harriet A. Dana).

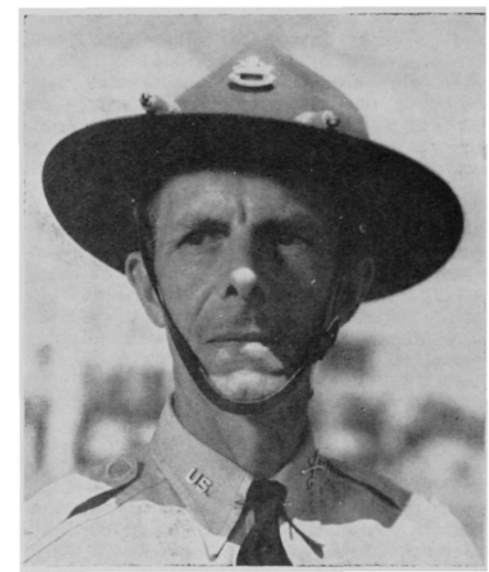
Joe brought to West Point a cheerful, friendly, sympathetic personality which at once endeared him to his classmates, and which later was to be a potent factor in furthering his success in the extracurricular cadet activities with which he became identified. Among these were included Assistant Manager and Manager of the Baseball Team, Member of the Polo Squad, The Hundredth Night Chorus and the Furlough Committee. On the military side he held the cadet ranks of corporal, sergeant and lieutenant.

On being graduated from the Military Academy on June 15, 1910, Joe, like his father, was appointed Second Lieutenant, Cavalry, Regular Army. He joined the Sixth Cavalry at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, on September 15, 1910, and served with the regiment there, at Nogales and Fort Huachuca, Arizona, at Fort Des Moines, Iowa, and at Texas City, Texas, until July 15, 1914. During these years the talent for topographical mapping which he displayed as a cadet brought him an assignment on Progressive Military Map Work in the State of Michigan.

In August 1914 Joe was assigned to duty as an instructor in the Department of Drawing, United States Military Academy, in which capacity he served until May 4, 1916. This was a momentous period in Joe's career, for romance came into his life in the person of Miss Eleanor Redwood Vidmer, daughter of Captain of Cavalry (later Brigadier General) George Vidmer (U.S. M.A. 1894) and Mrs. Vidmer (née Carol Richards). The marriage was solemnized in the Cadet Chapel at West Point, N. Y., on June 15, 1915—just five years after Joe's graduation from the Military Academy. The union was blessed with three daughters: Carolyn Dana, Page, and Eleanor Vidmer.

With World War I raging in Europe, and boundary troubles with Mexican bandits reaching a climax at Columbus, New Mexico, in March of 1916, Joe was relieved from service at the Military Academy and rejoined his regiment at Colonia Dublan, Mexico, on May 10, 1916, during the Punitive Expedition into Mexico. He remained with the Sixth Cavalry, serving at Columbus, New Mexico, and Alpine, Texas, until July 13, 1916.

On July 1, 1916, Joe became a First Lieutenant, and on July 14, 1916, he joined the Sixteenth Cavalry at Camp Wilson, San Antonio, Texas, serving there and at Mercedes and Brownsville, Texas, until October 21, 1917. On May 15, 1917, he became a Captain of Cavalry, remaining on the roster of the Sixteenth Cavalry until he was detailed for duty in the Quartermaster Corps on October 4, 1917. He served in the Office of the Quartermaster General for some four months before arriving in France on March 10, 1918. After a brief period of duty as Assistant Quartermaster, Second Army



Corps, American Expeditionary Forces, he became a student at the General Staff College. On June 7, 1918, he was appointed Major, United States Army.

Joe's next major assignment came to him on October 10, 1918, when he was appointed G-3, 81st Division, American Expeditionary Forces. In this capacity he served with such distinction and courage that he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal and the Silver Star. The citations for these decorations follow:

Distinguished Service Medal
to
MAJOR JOSEPH P. ALESHIRE, USA
for exceptionally meritorious service in a duty of great responsibility:

Major Aleshire, Cavalry, then Major, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For exceptionally meritorious and distinguished services. As Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, 81st Division, from October, 1918, until March, 1919, by his marked ability, high professional attainments, and loyal devotion to duty, he rendered valuable assistance in the staff work in the Vosges during the Meuse-Argonne Offensive, thereby contributing materially to the success of his division in those operations.

Silver Star
to
MAJOR JOSEPH P. ALESHIRE, USA
for gallantry in action:

Major Aleshire, General Staff, G-3:

For unusual ability in working out the details of the operations prior to and during the engagement whereby a front of some twenty-four kilometers of occupation was narrowed to a battle front of twelve and the division reformed and sent forward successfully.

Joe's assignment to the 81st Division was terminated on March 10, 1919, and shortly thereafter he returned to the United States for duty in Washington, D. C., in the Purchase, Storage and Traffic Division, War Department General Staff. Not long after his return his first love, the Cavalry, again sought his services, and on August 22, 1919, he became an instructor at the Cavalry School, Fort Riley, Kansas, in which capacity he served until August 1924. During this five year period he also became a graduate of the Cavalry School's Troop Officer Course in 1923, and the Advanced Course in 1924. His permanent appointment as Major of Cavalry gave him that rank as of July 1, 1920. By June 1925, he was a graduate of the Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. From June 1925, until June 1929, he served initially as Division Inspector and later as Inspector General, Hawaiian Division, Territory of Hawaii.

Joe's varied career in command, staff and school functions again brought him to duty with his chosen arm when he took command of the First Squadron, Second Cavalry, at Fort Riley, Kansas. He relinquished that command in August 1930, when he was selected for higher military training and sent as a student officer to the Army War College, Washington, D. C. After graduating in June 1931, he took temporary command of the Provisional Squadron, Headquarters and Machine Gun Troops, Fort Myer, Virginia, and in October 1931, he became Assistant to the Chief of the Planning and Equipment Branch, G-4, War Department General Staff, to serve in that capacity until September, 1935. His promotion to Lieutenant Colonel came on February 7, 1935.

From September 1935, until October 1940, Joe was again on duty with troops, serving as Executive Officer of the Eighth Cavalry while a Lieutenant Colonel, and commanding the regiment soon after he received his promotion to Colonel on June 12, 1939.

Joe's last major assignment came to him in October 1940, when he became Inspector General, Sixth Service Command, with headquarters in Chicago, Illinois. The task of service command inspectors general during the preparation of our armies for overseas service was a heavy one. It envisaged continuous observation of service command administrative and supply functions, but it also included a most carefully developed system of inspections to facilitate the activation and training of the many categories of troops needed to implement our country's war effort. Between 1940 and 1945 the Sixth Service Command was charged with the activation and training of large numbers of Army Service Forces troops—Quartermaster, Engineer and Medical troops especially. Continued, meticulous, helpful inspections as against mere fault finding inspections were not only important but essential to the successful accomplishment of the Sixth Service Command's training mission, and to the orderly, on-time shipment of units to their service destinations. Joe's eminent success in discharging this last major duty assignment received richly deserved recognition when he was awarded the Legion of Merit. The citation for the decoration reads:

Legion of Merit
to
COLONEL JOSEPH P. ALESHIRE, USA

for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services:

Colonel Aleshire, Inspector General's Department, Army of the United States, made a contribution of material import to the war effort as Inspector General, Sixth Service Command, from August, 1942 to October, 1945. His insistence on inspection standards of exceptional uniformity and thoroughness insured the preparedness of hundreds of units of many types for overseas shipment.

In addition to the decorations awarded to Joe (Distinguished Service Medal, Silver Star and Legion of Merit) he was authorized to wear the Mexican Service Medal; American Defense Service Medal; American Campaign Medal; World War I Victory Medal with San Mihiel, Meuse Argonne and Defensive Sector clasps; and World War II Victory Medal.

On June 30, 1946, over forty years after he first called the roll of his class at the United States Military Academy, Joe was retired from active service by reason of physical disability incurred in line of duty. After his retirement Eleanor and Joe made their home at Spring Hill, Alabama, where Eleanor's father, General Vidmer, also resides.

Happily, Joe did not suffer a lingering illness, for until the time of his brief and unexpected sickness, and his death at Marine Hospital, Mobile, Alabama, he was in good health. He was buried with full military honors in the National Cemetery, Mobile, Alabama. His untimely passing is mourned in his immediate family by his widow, Eleanor, who lives at 2 Wimbledon Road, Spring Hill, Alabama; a daughter, Carolyn Dana, whose first husband, Lieutenant Colonel Jack Wilson, Field Artillery, was killed in action in France in July 1944, and who is now again happily married to Captain B. F. Marshall, Alabama National Guard; a daughter, Page, the wife of Lieutenant Colonel Frederick W. Boye, Jr., United States Army; a daughter, Eleanor Vidmer, who is married to Mr. Ira Barton Cook; and by his seven grandchildren.

To know Joe was to love him. His life was characterized by a sense of deep devotion to his family, loyalty to his friends, cheerfulness under stress, a straightforward, honest approach to life, and a profound worship of West Point for its high ideals and for the magnificent achievements of its sons in the defense of our country and the development of our American way of life. He has joined the "Long Gray Line in the Shadows", from whence his Spirit is eminently qualified to "Grip Hands With and Strengthen the Hearts" of today's "Men of the Corps". His carefree laugh is stilled. His cheerful, friendly, sympathetic personality is now a memory, but it is a memory that will live long in the minds and will be felt long in the hearts of his classmates, and of the host of friends whose good fortune it was to come within the sphere of that personality. —*Uhl*, 1910.

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William Armistead Pendleton

NO. 4904 CLASS OF 1910

DIED JUNE 24, 1951, AT BRYN MAWR, PENNSYLVANIA, AGED 65 YEARS.

WILLIAM ARMISTEAD PENDLETON was born under the constellation of Cancer which in the philosophy of the Ancients meant that he was destined to have certain characteristics. I list some—these individuals are idealistic, imaginative, often times lazy, moody, enjoy working with their hands, never compromising, strictly honest, fond of outdoor sports, poor business partners.

In looking back over my forty-five years of acquaintance with Armistead I believe that he was in the proper group.

The date of his birth was June 24, 1886, his parents were William Armistead Pendleton and Mary Bruce Pendleton, and the place was Berry Hill in Halifax County Virginia, the home of his grandmother Mrs. Alexander Bruce.

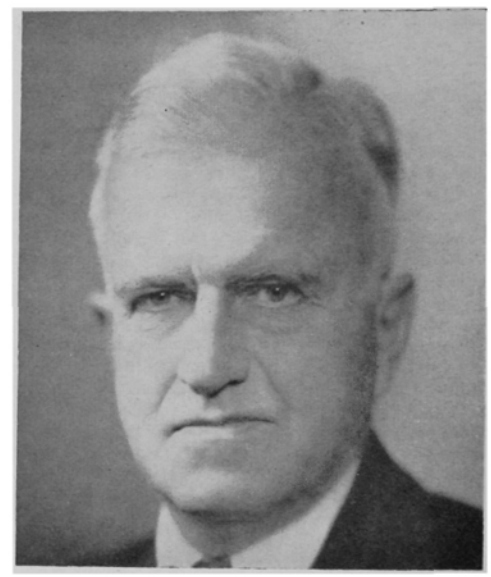
After his mother's death in 1889 Armistead and his younger brother Bruce continued to live at Berry Hill and were brought up by their grandmother.

His early life was that of the big plantation, with horses, dogs, and guns to play with. The brothers first attended a school on the plantation and rode back and forth, two to a horse, when they were too small to mount alone.

For higher school Armistead was sent to the old Episcopal High School in Alexandria and then, with a West Point entrance examination in view, he prepped at the Army and Navy Prep School run by Dr. Swavely.

He entered West Point in 1905, made the grade academically but accumulated too many demerits, and was given a year's vacation in January 1909, which resulted in his becoming a member of '10.

Upon graduation he was commissioned in the Coast Artillery Corps; he later served in the Ordnance, and in 1917 was transferred



to the Field Artillery. He went to Europe in December 1917 as Heavy Artillery Officer, General Headquarters American Expeditionary Forces, 66th and 17th Field Artillery Brigades; then in 1918 he was detailed with the War Department General Staff in Washington as assistant to the Chief of the Purchase and Standardization Branch of that Division. He stayed on that assignment until 1920 when he went back to the line as a Battalion Commander in the 83d F.A.

His military education during his service included the Field Officers' Course, Field Artillery School, at Fort Bragg, N. C. in 1922 and the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth in 1927.

In 1933 while senior instructor of the 111th Field Artillery, Virginia National Guard, he became sick and in October of that year was retired as a Lieutenant Colonel for physical disability.

He never lost interest in the Service and, having quite recovered his health, he was sorely disappointed in not being recalled to active duty during the World War II.

During his tour of duty at Watervliet Arsenal he met Miss Elsie Gansevoort Hun of Albany, a daughter of a distinguished family of American and Dutch ancestry. They were married on June 9, 1923 and were blessed with three daughters—Elsie (now Mrs. George Reid), Bruce, and Susan, all of whom survive.

After retirement Armistead moved his family to Baltimore and there put down his

roots. He investigated the possibilities of several forms of business but preferred to free lance and use his engineering talents to develop and improve oil burners. He bought a sizable piece of land in Ruxton, planned and built a fine home and was busily and profitably developing his real estate when he died.

For many years he was urged by his uncles (the Bruces of Berry Hill) to return and take over the land of his birth. Although he loved the place and the life it offered, he realized that under existing conditions he would encounter heart breaking obstacles and he compromised by making frequent visits to ride and shoot, until Berry Hill was sold.

Armistead was an active member of the Maryland Club, where he kept up his contacts and his bridge. In the summer the family spent several months with other members of the Hun family at Cooperstown, New York, a lovely place in which to play golf and grow old gracefully.

In June 1951, when on their way home from attending his daughter Bruce's graduation from Wheelock College in Boston, Armistead had a heart attack. They were near Bryn Mawr, Pa. and Elsie was able to get him into a fine hospital. He responded to treatment and seemed to be making an excellent recovery, worrying about nothing except the length of time in bed. Suddenly, after two weeks of progress, he had a relapse and died on the 24th of June, his 65th birthday. He was buried in the family plot in Lexington, Virginia.

The Class Secretary wrote to Elsie the true sentiments of us all—"Brother was a fine officer, a very great gentleman, and a true friend to us all. We shall certainly miss his cheery smile and his ever present wit and gracious manner".

In all things and at all times he kept the faith.

—Colonel Clyde A. Selleck, USA, Ret., a Classmate.

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Harrison Henry Cocke Richards

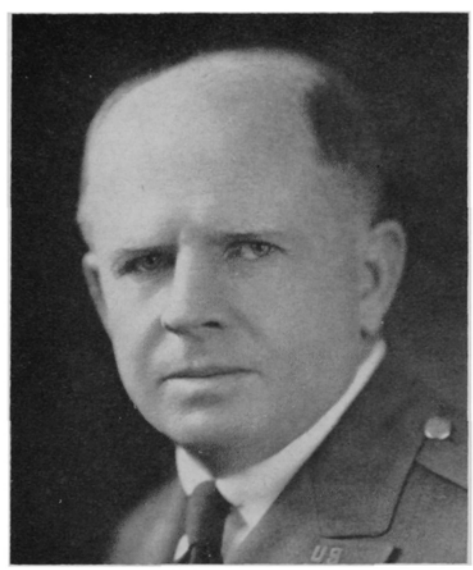
NO. 4974 CLASS OF 1911

DIED JULY 2, 1951, AT WASHINGTON, D. C., AGED 61 YEARS.

ON July 2, 1951, Colonel Harrison Henry Cocke Richards died at Walter Reed General Hospital. He was born at Petersburg, Virginia, on the 26th of April, 1890, the son of Walter Buck and Mary Monroe Richards. He was appointed to the U.S. Military Academy in 1907 and graduated with his class on June 13, 1911. His early service was with the 4th Cavalry along the Mexican Border and at Schofield Barracks in Hawaii. He was attached to the Aviation Section, Signal Corps in September 1915 and received his flying training at the Signal Corps Aviation School at San Diego, California, from September 8th of that year to May 12, 1916. On June 14th of that year he married Miss Landonia Brock of Riverton, Warren County, Virginia. He returned to his regiment in Hawaii and later was transferred to the 3rd Cavalry at San Antonio, Texas. In March 1917, he was assigned to aviation duty at Kelly Field, Texas. Immediately after being reassigned to aviation duty, he proceeded to Atlanta, Georgia, where he organized the School of Military Aeronautics at the Georgia School of Technology. Being promoted to the grade of Captain on May 15, 1917, he served as Commandant of this School until October 23, 1917. Thereafter, he was appointed Aeronautical Officer with the Southeastern Department.

In May 1918 Captain Richards returned to Rockwell Field, San Diego, for refresher training and was rated a Junior Military Aviator on August 19, 1918. He held the Aero Club of America Certificate No. 397. On November 1, 1918, he was ordered to Garden City, Long Island, New York, for duty overseas. The Armistice having been signed before his sailing date, Richards remained at Garden City as the Commanding Officer of Brinkley Field, Comac, L. I., and Commanding Officer of the Observation Group, 1st Provisional Wing, until January, 1919. He was then transferred to the Office of the Director of the Air Service, Washington. Later he was given command of Rich Field, Waco, Texas, and promoted to the grade of Major on July 1, 1920. After leaving Rich Field in September, 1920, Major Richards became Commanding Officer of Love Field, Dallas, Texas. Leaving there in February 1922, he served a brief tour of duty as Executive Officer of the 78th Division of Organized Reserves at Newark, New Jersey, and from 1923 to 1925 was in Washington as Chief of the Property Requirements Section, Office of the Chief of the Air Service. For two years, 1925 to 1927, he was in command of Maxwell Field, Montgomery, Alabama.

Richards graduated from the Air Corps Tactical School at Langley Field, Virginia,



and from the Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, after which he served as Executive Officer of the Primary Flying School at Brooks Field, Texas, until July 7, 1931. For a brief time he commanded the Primary Flying School at Randolph Field, Texas, and then was assigned to the Advanced Flying School at Kelly Field, Texas, on October 20, 1931. He served there as Executive Officer until February, 1936. During this period he was promoted to the grade of Lieutenant Colonel on March 16, 1935.

On July 15, 1936, Colonel Richards was again assigned to Washington in the Office of the Chief of the Air Corps, where he was placed in charge of the Information Division. He was given his commission as a temporary Colonel on August 26, 1936, and the permanent grade of Colonel on May 1, 1940. During his tour as Chief of the Information Division Richards served under General H. H. Arnold. He remained on this duty until 1939 when he was assigned as Air Officer for the Philippine Department at Manila. It was in this position that Colonel Richards was serving when World War II broke out.

Colonel Richards was with the men on Bataan who were taken prisoner by the Japanese on April 9, 1942, and was on the "Death March". He was released from captivity three years and four months later. He retired from the Army at his own request on January 31, 1947. Colonel Richards entered Walter Reed Hospital on the 13th of March 1951 and remained there until his death.

He is survived by his wife, Landonia, and two children. His son, Harrison, Jr., is an Electrical Engineer with Westinghouse and now lives in Lima, Ohio. His daughter, Landonia Richards Gettell, is living in New York with her husband, Richard Glenn Gettell, who is Chief Economist on the staff of TIME Magazine.

This statistical summary briefly outlines the military career of a fearless soldier and airman. I first knew Richards as an upper classman at the Academy. An intrepid horseman, he naturally gravitated to the Cavalry upon graduation. Some of his riding exploits during his days with the Cavalry are still remembered. He had always been vigorously athletic, a hearty long distance walker and an excellent horseman. After returning from his long internment as a prisoner of the Japanese, he made a remarkable trans-continental tour with his daughter, both of them on horseback. However, this trip was a strain on his robust constitution impaired by imprisonment.

His vision as an officer in the Air Force is best exemplified by his ardent efforts to build additional air fields in the Philippine Islands immediately after his assignment there as Air Officer. One of the fields for which he was primarily responsible, Bataan Field, once called "Richards' Folly", was the only field on Bataan when the Japanese struck. Later in the Philippine campaign when General MacArthur declared Manila an open city and began the retreat to Corregidor, Richards took charge of the personnel of the Air Force units streaming into Manila from the south and organized them for resistance. Utilizing Air Force troops as infantrymen, he fought a delaying action to cover the Army's retreat. During this critical withdrawal Richards was an inspiration to his men in putting up the most stubborn resistance to the enemy. In the heat of battle where courage and clear thinking are vital, Richards performed his duty in the best West Point tradition.

Never one to seek personal advancement, Colonel Richards arduously and fearlessly undertook any task given him.

Those of us who served with him in Army Aviation remember him as a generous warm-hearted man with boundless energy and amazing memory. His integrity, courage and devotion to duty insure for him a place in the top echelon of American air pioneers.

—C. S.

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Ralph Cadot Holliday

NO. 5098 CLASS OF 1912

DIED AUGUST 25, 1949, AT FORT MONROE, VIRGINIA, AGED 63 YEARS.

"CAST thy bread upon the waters, for thou shalt find it after many days." This was the creed under which Ralph Holliday lived and died. Always doing for others, it was his joy and pleasure to come to the help of a friend. Of a kind and gentle nature, he was a lover of everything beautiful and he rejoiced in the joy of living.

From the beautiful surroundings of the small country town, Kirkwood, Illinois, where he was born and reared, he absorbed his appreciation of the beauty of nature which later expressed itself especially in an intense love of music.

Born of a soldier father who had fought with Rosecrans at Stone Harbor, with Thomas at Chickamauga and Missionary Ridge, and who had marched with Sherman, young Ralph was fascinated in his youth by tales of fast maneuvers, hand-to-hand fighting, and the love of a comrade born on the battlefield. So it was not strange that his boyish dreams were of West Point and

the Army as a career. While attending Knox College, Galesburg, Illinois, where he became a Phi Gamma Delta, he received his appointment to the Academy, and he entered there in June, 1907, a member of the class of 1911. However, in 1909 he joined the class of 1912, turned back a year as one of the many cadets who have failed to see eye to eye with the "Tac" Department. Always a good philosopher, Ralph gracefully accepted his orders, and he became a proud and loyal member of the Class of 1912.

Ralph was a fine rider, and he had his eye originally on the Cavalry, but on graduation he selected the Infantry, which to him was always thereafter the real "Queen of Battles". He remained a doughboy throughout his service except for a short hitch in the Quartermaster Corps at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania.

His first assignment was one consistent with real soldiering—down in the mesquite and cactus of the Mexican Border with the 22nd Infantry. By 1914 he came to the conclusion that the Border could get along without him for a while, and so he went to North Island, California, where, with some other hardy air-minded pioneers, he learned to fly at the school operated by the Aviation Section of the Signal Corps. He got through the school without accident—quite an achievement in those early days of aviation when a pilot had about a 50-50 chance of getting his plane back to earth in one piece. But Ralph, being introspective by nature, was at times oblivious to his surroundings. This was not considered as a desirable attribute in a flier, so he returned to his 22nd Infantry at Douglas, Arizona.

He now took on a bride. While at the Aviation School, he had taken time out to win the lovely stage and concert singer, Marguerite Faulkner. They were married at Los Angeles, June 25, 1915. Throughout their lives they enjoyed that great mutual bond—love of music. At West Point Ralph had been one of the mainstays of all the "Hundredth Night" performances, both as singer and as adviser. He will long be remembered as the fascinating "Miss Dorothy Dodge", leading lady in the "Follies of 1911". And he was one of the really good singers in the early Cadet Choir. One of his great achievements later was prevailing upon the West Point authorities to initiate broadcasts of the Cadet Choir throughout the world at the annual West Point dinners.

In September 1915 we find Ralph on his first foreign service duty, at Ft. Shafter, Hawaii, with the 2nd Infantry. Brigadier General Robert K. Evans, the Department Commander, spied the well-dressed, well-groomed young officer and pounced on him for an Aide, a job for which Ralph was especially well suited. General Evans made him Department Aviation Officer—a new job then in most commands. With the backing of the General, he organized the "Aero Club of Hawaii", which soon had 500 members. In July 1916 he was made a First Lieutenant and in May 1917 he received his Captaincy.

His home and family were very dear to him. He and Marguerite were blessed with five children: four boys and one girl. Before his death he had eleven grandchildren to crow over. The first child, Dorothy Ann, was born in 1917; next came Ralph Jr. in 1919; then John in 1922, followed by William in 1926. In 1930 arrived the baby of the family, Donald Drake, better known as Donald Duck. John, a big, handsome Captain, now fighting in Korea, once said to me: "Dad had more love for his family than any man I have ever known"

Naturally Ralph wanted at least some of his boys to go to the Academy, yet he allowed each one his choice of life professions. This, coupled with the normal difficulty encountered by an Army officer in getting a son appointed, resulted in just one boy, Bill, entering. Unfortunately Bill was later found "physically". John fought the war as an Infantry Captain in Europe, and Ralph as a Captain of the Air Corps.

While no great shakes at rifle shooting at the Academy, Ralph took up musketry and pistol shooting in a serious way in the service, and he specialized in machine gun tactics. In 1917 he organized a machine gun school for the Hawaiian Department. When he returned from Hawaii, with his fine record in handling machine guns, he was sent as Director of Training to the Machine Gun Training Center at Camp Hancock, Georgia. My own brother was sent to this school upon receiving his commission. Upon graduation he became an Instructor under Ralph, and he wrote me of the great admiration and respect the faculty and students had for their Director. Of course Ralph was chafing at the bit to get overseas, but he was kept on his important training work until October 1918 when he was sent to France as an observer. By coincidence, classmates Paules, Walker, and myself were fighting in the shadow of Mont Faucon when Holliday arrived unannounced, with the result that we had a class reunion

right there on the battlefield. Ralph had been made a Major in June 1918.

After the Armistice, he, like the rest of us, went from pillar to post—a few months at the Infantry School, and then on to a battalion at Eagle Pass, Texas. He escaped again from the Border and went to Boston with the PS&T Division. Next he was detailed as National Guard Inspector Instructor for Massachusetts, then to the Command and General Staff School where he graduated in 1924, and was placed on the General Staff Eligible List. Camp Lewis, Washington, commanding the Special Troops, 3rd Infantry Division, was his next assignment, and later he was made ROTC Officer of the Fourth Corps Area in Atlanta, Georgia. He was detailed to the General Staff with Troops from 1928 to 1931. For a time he commanded a battalion of the 8th Infantry at Ft. Moultrie, South Carolina. Here he organized the first CCC Conditioning Camp. Here also he ran into his old West Point Instructor, General C. P. Summerall, President of the Citadel, Charleston, South Carolina, who got Ralph detailed to the Citadel as Assistant PMS&T. Soon he was made PMS&T and also was detailed in 1938 as Commandant of Cadets of this famous military school. He was now a Lieutenant Colonel, having been promoted in 1935.

Following a short tour with the Maryland National Guard, he was promoted to Colonel, Army of the United States. As such he became Regimental Commander of the 367th Infantry. He now had the command job which is always the dream of the military man—that of regimental commander. But his dream did not last long at this time, for, because of his previous specialized training, he was soon pulled away for duty as Officer in Charge of Civilian Component Affairs, at Third Corps Area Headquarters, Baltimore, Maryland. Later on he served on the War Department Manpower Board and the War Department Mobilization Board in Washington, in both of which capacities he greatly distinguished himself.

But having missed combat service in the First World War, and being distinctly a combat soldier, he longed for command of a regiment in action. He pestered the War Department till orders were finally issued sending him to General MacArthur's Pacific Theater. He was now a Colonel of Infantry, having been promoted to that permanent grade in June 1942.

On the 28th of September 1944, he sailed through the Golden Gate, headed for the steaming jungles of the South Pacific and impatient at what seemed to him the slowness of water transportation. Landing at Hollandia in New Guinea, he was assigned to General Kreuger's Sixth Army, and was given command of the 63rd Infantry of the Sixth Infantry Division, which was located at the northwest tip of New Guinea. From now on to Xmas his regiment was engaged in intensive training for the invasion of Luzon. On December 26 the 63rd Infantry was part of the huge convoy that sailed on December 30 to carry out General MacArthur's promise to the Philippine Islands that he would return. The convoy landed on the beach at Lingayen on the 9th and 10th of January, proud participants in an action that will live in history.

For preparing and initiating the defense of the San Fabian-Dagupan Base, he was awarded the Bronze Star. He had now realized his great ambition—to command troops in action. And he did it well. He must have felt the great drama of the war when his own regiment landed on the same beach that the enemy had landed on nearly four years before when it swept MacArthur's forces under Wainwright into Bataan, followed by its tragic surrender. His thoughts must have been on retribution. The Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster was also awarded him here for his fine work.

The Sixth Army slugged its way on to Manila which it entered on February 9. Ralph entered the city on February 12 with orders to organize the Manila Base area. At his request he was relieved from this defensive type of work and was assigned to the 93rd Division of Eichelberger's Eighth Army back at Hollandia. Stopping over at Eichelberger's Headquarters at Leyte, he had a pleasant visit with Eichelberger, who was an old friend of his, and was informed he was to be G-3 of the 93rd Division and its acting Chief of Staff.

This Division was scattered over a large area cleaning up Japs that had not surrendered. Ralph spent many hours in the air visiting the distant outposts, and on air reconnaissance, for the excellent performance of which duties he received the Air Medal. Still wishing duty with troops, he succeeded in being assigned to command the 369th Infantry of the Division; and for successfully cleaning out strongholds of the Japs, he received another Bronze Star. Shortly after this he was made acting Assistant Division Commander. In October the Division was moved to Mindanao with headquarters at Zamboanga. Here there was more of the rounding up of Japs at which Ralph now had become very expert. He was given the further mission of negotiating a peaceful relationship with the Moros, many of whom had gone over to the Japs, and this was no easy job.

In February of 1946 Ralph finally sailed back through the Golden Gate, leaving in

the Pacific area a record of a fighting man always true to his code of honor—as fine a record as even his soldier father could have desired for his beloved son. His last active assignment was with the Reception Center, Ft. George G. Meade, Maryland. He was retired on June 31, 1946, for physical disability.

Instead of taking it easy after retirement, Ralph determined to make as fine a home as possible and, imbued with the desire to give every advantage he could to his beloved family, he took on new work in civil life. He became associated with the Hood Chemical Company at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and later became Advertising Manager to the Army-Navy Journal. With a longing still for intimate contact with people, especially service personnel, he later became affiliated with the Travelers Insurance Company of Hartford, Connecticut, his territory being Fort Monroe, Fort Eustis, the Langley Air Force Base, and on down to include Phoebus, Virginia. He was very successful in this work, owing to his fine personality, and he was rated by the company as a very exceptional representative.

In the meantime he had bought a home at Hampton, Virginia, which fittingly he called "Holliday House", at which he welcomed many friends and classmates in his gracious, hospitable manner. Many of his children and grandchildren lived near him, which added especially to his happiness. But he was not destined to enjoy this great happiness for long for his big and tired heart finally gave way, and in his passing at the Ft. Monroe Hospital the country lost a fine officer, his family a splendid, devoted husband and father, and his West Point class one of its most beloved members.

Ralph was buried with full military honors at Arlington Cemetery on August 29, 1949, with his classmates as honorary pallbearers. So, appropriately, he rests in honor near many other sons of West Point and comrades in arms.

Ralph indeed was a man of many facets, with a personality that appealed to men, women, children and pets—a fine all-around man. He was a good rider and a good golfer. He played a fine hand at bridge, and admitted no equal at cribbage. Always a cheerful optimist, he was a great addition to any gathering.

But with his sensitive, artistic nature, he was forever conscious of the less fortunate in this world, and neither peace nor war could ever weaken his love for his fellow man, regardless of position, race, color or creed.

Ralph went to his well deserved rest true to his lofty ideals and to the motto of his beloved West Point, "DUTY, HONOR, COUNTRY". No greater tribute can ever be given to any man.

—*His classmate, C. C. D.*

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John Flowers Crutcher

NO. 5204 CLASS OF 1913

DIED AUGUST 2, 1951, AT HENNING, TENNESSEE, AGED 60 YEARS.

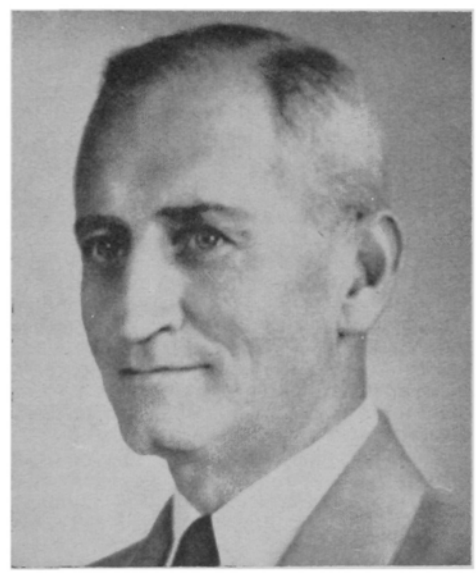
JOHN FLOWERS CRUTCHER was born at Henning, Tennessee on December 15, 1890 to Dr. and Mrs. James R. Crutcher.

It was in the autumn of 1908 when many of us first met "Dixie". He arrived from Memphis, Tenn. to prepare for his entrance examination at Braden's in Highland Falls, N. Y. It did not require much time for many of us to know that a Southern Gentleman had arrived! He at once became "Dixie" to us, which name was to follow him through life. "Dixie" spent his early life at Henning but at the age of 14 years moved to Memphis, although he attended high school at Trenton, Tenn. Without his parents' knowledge, "Dixie" one day rode his horse, so he said, into Memphis, tied it to a telegraph pole, and persuaded his Congressman on that very day to appoint him to West Point.

"Dixie" was a beloved classmate—none of us of 1913 ever had a better-liked classmate. He loved West Point; he lived the Code and talked of his great honor and special privilege in being a Cadet. Being a Cadet was the fulfilment of a great desire and wish from his early boyhood.

"Dixie" was not an "engineer", as, in all four years, he helped hold up the bottom of his class. "Dixie" was literary minded, loved to learn poetry by the pages and read books from the library rather than study textbooks. He sought debate and companionship of others rather than solitary study in his lessons. As a result, he graduated at the lower end of his class, due, perhaps, much to the "fuller life" that he shared with so many of us over the years.

I, who write these brief lines with dimmed eyes, lived with "Dixie" in prep school, during all four years at the Academy, served with him in the Cavalry, in World War I, and was privileged to know him constantly over the years until he passed away. West



Point to "Dixie" was the realization of his greatest wish. His reverence for West Point was never diminished as the years went by. It continued to be the motivating force of his life, for the ideals of West Point were deeply embodied in this Officer and Gentleman of the South.

The tactical department never appreciated "Dixie", so he left West Point with his sleeves never sullied by chevrons. I am not sure but that he is "runner up" for the "Area" mileage honors of all time.

On graduation, "Dixie" joined the 24th Infantry in Texas City. His heart was in the Cavalry—so it wasn't long before he transferred to the 11th Cavalry at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga.

The Cavalry was his second obsession after West Point. He had strike duty in Colorado; service in Mexico with the Pershing expedition; thence, into World War I. He was aide-de-camp to General Franklin Bell in World War I, but soon joined the Tanks so he could get to Europe. He was sent to the 306th Battalion Tank Corps, and joined the writer at La Burg, France in 1918 at the Tank Center.

After the war, he had duty in Washington, D. C.; thence to The Presidio, at Monterey; recruiting duty at Dayton, Ohio; duty with troops at Fort Benjamin Harrison and at Columbus Barracks, from which latter place he was sent to the Cavalry School at Fort Riley, Kansas. After Fort Riley, he went to Governors Island—but soon was transferred into the Adjutant General's Department and sent to Honolulu for duty.

While in Hawaii, he had an accident that later caused him physical trouble—that soon developed seriously while at Fort Bliss, Texas, where he was stationed on his return from Hawaii. "Dixie" had developed a heart ailment, so was sent to Walter Reed Hospital, from which he was finally retired in September 1934.

"Dixie" resented being retired. He worked hard, played polo hard, did everything strenuously—so it hurt his pride to be retired. He went back to Henning, Tenn., his boyhood land, where, as a farmer, life would be less strenuous and the climate friendly.

Back in 1920, "Dixie" took leave and went back to Memphis—where—nearby in Clarksdale, Miss., he met Minna Watson Smith whom he married on February 26th, 1920. I helped Dixie get married—a military affair. What a partner he chose for life! Even after many years, he was courting her up to the very day of his passing away.

"Dixie" and Minna have two children. A son, John F. Crutcher, now lives at Henning and manages the large farm. He was a captain in the paratroopers in World War II, is married to a beautiful girl, has one child, and now manages the farm. "Dixie's" daughter, Ginny Crutcher, married a doctor, Tom P. Nash, III. They have two children, and will soon be living near Henning, where Dr. Nash will practice.

"Dixie's" life at Henning was devoted to the good of the community. His farm was fast becoming a place of great interest in the area in which he lived. He taught Sunday School, worked for the Red Cross, and aided all about him. He volunteered for both Army and Navy in World War II but was denied the privilege of serving, as they said they needed younger men.

"Dixie" passed away suddenly on August 2nd, 1951 as he would have wished it—quickly—and Minna at his side.

"Dixie" was a beloved classmate and all who met him were better for the meeting—he gave part of his life to those he met. All of us in 1913 can most gratefully say that all of our recollections of "Dixie" give us all greater faith and hope in the innate goodness of men.

Like so many of that "Long Line of Gray", he lived the great tradition of West Point—he kept the soldier's faith!

In ending my memories of this fine soldier, classmate, roommate, and intimate friend—I like to recall the remarks of his Chaplain on his last day on earth—"Major John Crutcher — a citizen of Henning, a loved husband, father, soldier, friend, neighbor and Christian gentleman—farewell!"

—*J. W. Viner.*

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Samuel John Heidner

NO. 5141 CLASS OF 1913

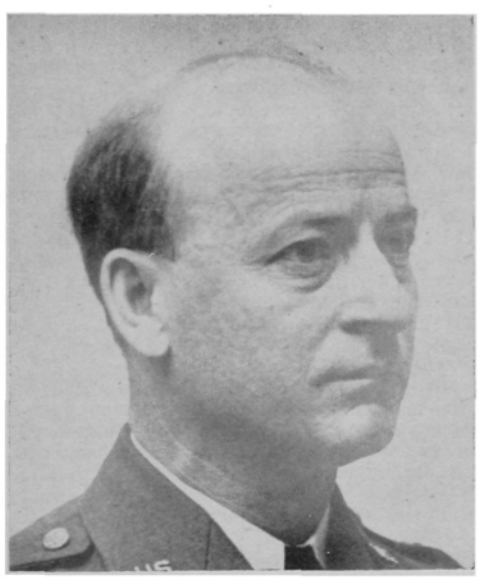
DIED FEBRUARY 14, 1952, AT SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, AGED 61 YEARS.

SAM HEIDNER reached the end of the road on February 14, 1952 in San Diego, California. He was buried two days later in the cemetery at Fort Rosecrans within view of his beautiful Point Loma house, at 756 Armada Terrace on the north side of the entrance to San Diego harbor, which he had built several years before retirement, while serving with the Organized Reserves in that area.

Born in South Dakota on March 13, 1890, he moved with his family as a child to Fargo, North Dakota, from which State he was appointed to West Point in time to enter with the class of 1913. His decision to become a soldier was doubtless influenced by his attendance at a military school where he served as First Captain during the last

year before his departure for the U.S. Military Academy.

Early in his cadet career he was recognized by cadets and instructors alike as a man with quiet dignity but with a brilliant brain and a high order of intelligence. These attributes characterized his life and were recognized by his associates during his outstanding service of thirty-six years, which culminated with his retirement on October 31, 1945. History was his hobby and recreation and for many years, aside from his other military accomplishments, he was conceded to be one of the authorities of the Army in this field. With this bent and in view of his mental equipment, it is not surprising to find in the following outline of his commissioned assignments, that much of his service was spent in historical research, as an instructor and in higher education for himself. During a tour of duty with the Historical Section of the Army War College, he found time outside of duty hours to attend Georgetown University for post-graduate work, resulting in an M.A. degree in 1929 and in his receiving the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in 1931, majoring in History in both cases. He is the only



member of his Class to be honored by earning the degree of Ph.D.

Graduating from West Point number 29 in a class of 93, Sam Heidner was first commissioned in the Coast Artillery Corps. Later (in 1916) he transferred to the Infantry in which he served until his retirement. His early commissioned service included tours of duty at Fort Monroe, San Francisco, San Diego, the Mexican Border and Hawaii.

During the two World Wars, this soldier reluctantly accepted the hand which fate dealt him and which precluded his active participation in either struggle. Arriving in Hawaii, shortly before World War I, he was involuntarily marooned there throughout the war. When World War II broke, it looked as though his luck had changed and that he was slated for an active combatant role. He organized and commanded the 337th Infantry of the 85th Division. But again, fate was unkind to him. He was stricken with jaundice in serious form, resulting from yellow fever shots. After months of hospitalization, he was declared fit only for limited duty and, again, spent the duration of a war in the United States. During this period, he served with distinction as an instructor at the School of Military Government, set up at the University of Virginia. For this service he was awarded the Legion of Merit.

During his commissioned career, Sam missed none of the service schools, from the lowest to the highest. He took the Advanced Course at the Infantry School in 1925; graduated from the Command and General Staff School in 1926, and from the Army War College in 1938. In addition, he was selected for foreign military education. He attended a two year course at the French Ecole Superieur de Guerre, graduating therefrom with distinction in 1934.

Following World War I Sam was sent to France where he served for two years with the Claims Service and the Graves Registration Service. During the years after return to this country, his varied assignments included a tour as instructor in the Department of Chemistry at West Point, two years on R.O.T.C. duty at Georgia Tech., duty with the Historical Section, Army War College, working on the history of World War I and compiling unit histories. Followed then a three year tour as instructor at the Command and General Staff School. This ended in 1938 when he was ordered to Haiti as Chief of the Military Mission to organize and train a national constabulary. For his splendid performance in this assignment he was decorated by Haiti with the Legion d'Honneur et de Merite. Upon his return in 1939, there followed a tour with the Organized Reserves which ended with his call to the command assignment with the outbreak of World War II.

In his First Class year at West Point, Sam became engaged to Miss Jane Donaldson Campbell of Newburgh, New York; the girl whom he married in New York two days after graduation, and who shared his fortunes in the thirty-nine years which have intervened. It was she who gave him the careful, tender and understanding nursing care which was so comforting during the unhappy ten months of illness which preceded his death. Jane, this companion of his years in the Army, is also an accomplished sculptress of some note. During their tour of duty in France she exhibited in the Salon de Printemps. This fact seems pertinent here since the exhibit was an excellent and life-like bronze bust of her husband, the man of whom we are writing.

Following Sam's retirement for physical disability by reason of the ailment which eventually caused his death, the Heidners enjoyed life in their lovely home overlooking San Diego bay. His widow describes him as a farmer at heart. He spent much of his time developing the acre of land that surrounded their home into terraces which he planted in ice-plant and fruit trees of various colors. His success with this hobby made him well known locally, and many visitors came to see the result of his efforts. Another hobby which occupied part of his time and gave him much pleasure was square dancing, of which he became a quite successful teacher. He also voluntarily devoted much of his time to civic activities, and by the time of his death had become an integrated and respected member of the community.

Within the foregoing will be found a record of an outstanding career in the Army. No picture of this Christian gentleman is complete, however, without a reference to his personal characteristics. Honest, dependable, kindly, sympathetic, and with a keen understanding of the problems and troubles of others, he spent much of his time, without personal reward except the satisfaction so necessary to one of his kindly nature, in giving pleasure to those around him. Although his untimely passing is mourned by his widow, relatives, classmates and other friends, we can all take comfort in the belief that there is a vacancy awaiting him in the Long Gray Line, which he will fill with credit to himself, the Army and his Alma Mater, whose influence did much to develop those desirable and lovable qualities in our departed comrade.

—*H. B. L.*

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Clarence Corinth Benson

NO. 5250 CLASS OF 1914

DIED OCTOBER 7, 1951, AT WASHINGTON, D. C., AGED 59 YEARS.

ALL too rarely do we find in one man the great attributes of a leader, Chauncey Benson was so blessed. He had all of the dash that goes with the confirmed cavalryman, yet with his boundless enthusiasm for work, he combined a perseverance and patience, with a determination for thoroughness. To find all of these admirable qualities held by one officer is highly unusual,—and Chauncey was no ordinary man.

The years during which I served under Major Benson,—for that was the rank he then held, could not have been easy ones for him. The work in which we were engaged was basically dull, and his officers were a fairly unruly lot. Amongst the group were other cavalrymen who were much more interested in polo and horse shows than in their assigned tasks. There was also the

officer who was so taken with his hobby of astronomy that he could never be counted upon to reach his conferences at the stated hours.

Nevertheless, due to Major Benson's talent for getting the best from those who were working under him, our work went forward. If the polo game or the horse show was especially important, then somehow the officers were free to go. The fact is, that Chauncey often did their work as well as his own. When the star-gazer straggled in late, and with the usual apologies, the silent rebuke he received was felt by all of us, and because we felt real affection for our leader, we were embarrassed when any of us failed him. Even under serious provocation, he never lost his temper,—at least, no matter how we had provoked him, he never let us know that we were an ungrateful set of pups.

It is only after one has, in the natural course of Army life, left such a chief that his great qualities begin to stand out. Then the inevitable comparisons between the new leader and the old are made, and the virtues which we took for granted are seen to be the real and flashing facets of true leadership. These are the talents to which every military man aspires, and in thirty years service, it is impossible to recall a chief who was a greater leader.

During the late war, as was to be expected of an officer of such abilities, Chaunce served in several theaters, where his work won for him the recognition which it was due. His

duties were arduous, but he gave himself utterly to the work at hand, as he had always done,—without thought for his own welfare when his duty called. Had he been willing to save himself, even a little, he might still be with us. But that was not his way, and so he spent his whole strength for his country.

Now he has gone. Yet, for the military man, his reward is of the highest, for in the hearts of all of those who served with him, who came under his guidance, and received a little of his skill, there remain, and will remain, the deep feelings of loss, of admiration, and of real affection.

—*P. M. W.*

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John Churchill Wyeth

NO. 5223 CLASS OF 1914

DIED OCTOBER 26, 1950, AT SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA, AGED 60 YEARS.

"GIVE him a trust to fulfill and you may rest assured it will be fulfilled. His spirit of fairness, understanding, jovial nature and

selflessness are outstanding characteristics." So stated the write-up on "Turk" in the 1914 Howitzer. How true these words described his character and activities to the day of his passing.

Turk started life at Fort McDowell, Arizona, on February 16, 1890. As is the lot of most Army children, constant moves and various types of schools were routine until he entered St. Luke's School at Wayne, Penn. There he not only developed his scholastic and athletic ability but made close friendships that lasted his entire life. He was recognized as a quiet leader who gained and held the respect of all the boys and the Masters at school. As a young man one of his greatest attributes was his sense of humor, a quality he never lost. Always a loyal friend, never offering uncalled for or unkind comments about anyone, endeared him to all he knew.

Upon graduation from West Point Turk chose the Field Artillery and with the exception of a few Staff details stayed with it during his entire active service. On February 16, 1917, his birthday, Turk and Frances Louise Huster were married in New York. From this happy marriage came two children, Leslie Wardwell and John Churchill II. Leslie joined the Service as a WAC cryptographer in World War II and later changed to the Air Force as a WAF where she serves now with the rank of Technical Sergeant, stationed at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii. John entered West Point with the Class of 1946, but like many of his classmates feared the War would end before he could ever help so left the Academy and immediately enlisted. Following the War he entered the University of Utah to study mining geology and is at present with Continental Oil Company in Vernal, Utah.

After serving at various posts in the United States and Hawaii, World War I took Turk to France. Upon his return in 1919 he returned to West Point as an instructor in mathematics. From there in 1921 he was sent to the University of Chicago as a student where he graduated in 1923 receiving a M.S. Degree. Additional details at the Field Artillery School, the Command and General Staff School, in the Philippines, at the University of Missouri and the University of Utah rounded out his career until December 1941 when he was called to duty with troops as Chief of Staff of the IX Corps at Fort Lewis, Washington. 1943 found him again in Europe where he commanded Headquarters XII Corps Artillery Group, the 404th Field Artillery Group and served with the XV Corps Artillery until November 1945. At that time physical troubles caused his removal to a hospital and led to his eventual retirement on August 31, 1946. So ended an outstanding military career, primarily devoted to his favorite branch, the Field Artillery, but encompassing many varied assignments which took advantage of his abilities to serve his country.

Turk's qualities as a leader stand out in the various citations received during his service. On December 8, 1944 the Commanding General, XII Corps, stated, "Colonel Wyeth, by aggressive personal reconnaissance for tactical positions, skillful employment of the Battalions under his command and carefully planned displacements, rendered uninterrupted and close reinforcing support of the Corps Infantry Divisions throughout this period. His leadership inspired conspicuously courageous performances. Colonel Wyeth has contributed to the success of the XII Corps in a superior manner by his outstanding performance of the exceedingly difficult tasks assigned him, by his fine sense of cooperation and coordination and by his superb leadership"

Upon his relief from Command of the XV Corps Artillery, Turk received a letter from Major General Walter M. Robertson, XV Corps Commander which stated in part, "On this day when you leave active field service I must congratulate you on your long and superior service in the Army. In particular your War performance must be admired and respected. Against the advice of the Medical Corps you insisted on field duty and performed with outstanding courage and devotion under most arduous conditions in prolonged fighting. Such selfless interest in your Army and Country is characteristic of a great soldier".

After retirement Turk and Frances decided to make their permanent home in Santa Barbara, California. There they purchased a lovely home and Turk immediately interested himself in the life of the community. In addition to engaging in the real estate and automobile business he took an active part in the annual Old Spanish Days Fiesta of Santa Barbara.

The writer had the great pleasure of seeing Turk a few months before he died. He told me he had been forced to cut down on physical activities due to a heart condition but seemed to be in good health with his ever cheerful and happy outlook on life. His sudden death was a terrible shock to all who knew him.

The Service, his friends and family have lost a great and gallant gentleman, an outstanding officer, and a loving husband and father.

—*William Ord Ryan*, '14.

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Joseph Daly Coughlan

NO. 5420 CLASS OF 1915

DIED SEPTEMBER 19, 1951, AT LEBANON SPRINGS, NEW YORK, AGED 58 YEARS.

THE keynote of the character of Joseph Daly Coughlan, who died suddenly in the garden of his home at Lebanon Springs, N. Y., on September 19th, 1951, was interest in other people.

From his boyhood on a farm near New Bedford, through his West Point career with the Class of 1915, and thirty-one years of active military service, covering two World Wars, he won friends, because he *was* a friend,—to his brothers, to his classmates, to the men of all ranks who served under him, and to his various commanding officers. He retired as a Colonel in January 1946, to a rural community, slow usually to welcome a new-comer. But in five short years, he became a trusted leader, a citizen to be turned to and to be counted upon. Here, as in the Army, he was soon advising and helping others, and the Cub Pack he

reorganized enlisted the same friendly help he had so often given to young officers getting into social quandries, or able young men determined to rush overseas, instead of waiting to take the officer training for which they were fitted. Especially, he concerned himself with the problems of the returning veterans. To his dealings with men, from general to private, he brought not only tolerant understanding of human nature, but also a keen sense of humor which mellowed his judgment and oiled all wheels.

As a raconteur and mimic, he had a rare gift, and memory brings back vividly his very intonations as he told, after the last war, some of the stories of the winter of 1943-44, when he was picked as Chemical Warfare expert, among thirty-five officers, to serve as planners on the staff of the First Army in England. He made the hearer see the cold damp creeping down the stone walls of the "College" they lived in, the groping along strange narrow roads, without signs, and the British natives giving intricate directions, always winding up with, "You *cawn't* miss it". Then he would chuckle and tell how a British officer, poking about London H.Q., asked for directions to some office. Joe gave him the complicated route, then added with glee, "You *cawn't* miss it!" One realized how his inherent humor had lightened that grim winter.

Joe's great hobby was history,—old maps, old books, old prints, the history of the world and the history of the Lebanon Valley. But history could add to the grimness.

He would tell how he spent one spring Sunday with a Naval friend, at a golf club near Plymouth, where they were guests, as the winter was grinding, with ever-growing tension, toward the looming date of "Overlord". As he stood upon Plymouth Hoe, he recalled Drake at his game of bowls, receiving the word of the approach of the Spanish Armada, and he remembered the fate of that Armada. "It's never been done since William the Conqueror," he thought. "The Channel hasn't been successfully crossed by an invader in a thousand years!" Then he went back to his share of planning to cross it,—the limited cargo space,—the fateful decisions,—if more food, then less ammunition,—if more ammunition, then less food!

From Falmouth, when the Allied Armada set out, Joe's cabin-mate was Ernie Pyle. He was the very man to bring Ernie Pyle to Normandy.

Elsewhere, his military story is recorded,—his command of a Field Artillery battery in the Argonne, his Purple Heart, his Silver Star, the Unit Citation, his work as commander of the Chemical Warfare School at Edgewood, which was so much his baby.

On his return to the United States after St. Lo, he was detailed to instruct troops at Camp Sibert, teaching the lessons of Normandy for use in the Pacific. It was typical of the man that the soldier who drove his car there wrote annually to him in his retirement, inviting him to come fishing in Arkansas.

Where his military career left off, his human story continued. On the beaches of Normandy there was no time for thought, but in the intervals of the drama of war, his mind had taken refuge, even over there, in the hillside garden and the old white "Brick House", beside the Lebanon Warm Spring, where his beloved wife and son awaited his home-coming. There, once out of uniform, he threw himself into remaking the garden, remodeling the house, and putting his shoulder to every worth-while community wheel. He became Post Commander of the American Legion, vestryman of his church, and an active worker for the preservation of the Spring for public use, the schools and other civic needs.

Then came the Korean crisis, and Columbia County called on his ability and experience. From February 1951 until the day of his death, he worked energetically, planning and organizing the Civil Defense of the County. The Board of Supervisors, recording their sense of loss, called him, "A most able public servant and outstanding citizen".

For such as Joe Coughlan, there could never be real "retirement". He died, as he had lived all his life, in the service of his fellow men.

The Army and the Class of 1915, the town he lived in and his Country, have lost a man and a friend.

—*M. D. F.*

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Donald Henley

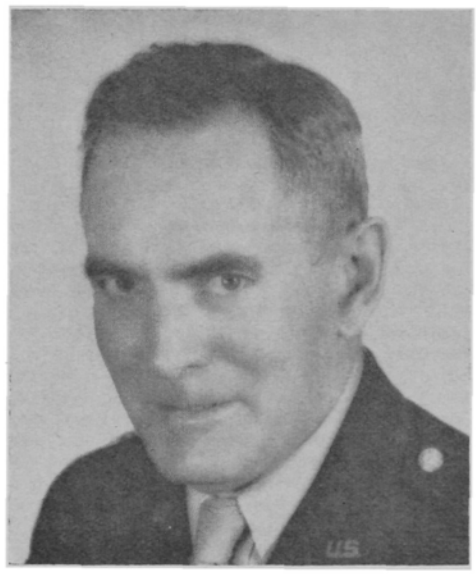
NO. 5419 CLASS OF 1915

DIED NOVEMBER 14, 1951, AT SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, AGED 61 YEARS.

DAD was born in Tennessee on September 25th, 1890. He entered West Point with an Idaho Senatorial appointment on June 14, 1911, and graduated No. 107 of the 164 members of the Class of 1915. Dad was a quiet person but his droll sense of humor, dry wit and sincere friendliness made him an always welcome member in all class gatherings. No cadet ever appreciated the opportunities offered by the Military Academy more than Dad and he never wavered from his determination to be a successful graduate. Commissioned in the Infantry on graduation his entire service was in that branch. He graduated from the Infantry School, Advanced Course, in 1926, and from the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth in 1927. Normal promotions made him a Lieutenant Colonel in 1936 and a Colonel in 1944. He was retired for physical disability incident to the service on May 31, 1947, being credited with thirty-six years of active duty.

In 1940 Dad suffered his first heart attack and so throughout World War II he was on limited duty status and was prevented from overseas service. He served throughout the war in Texas and the end of hostilities found him still doggedly carrying on in preparing others for combat. In 1946 while on Organized Reserve duty in Austin, Texas, Dad was stricken with a heart attack and after months of hospitalization was retired for physical disability which unquestionably was the result of the overwork and stress of his World War II duties.

After retirement Dad and his wife, Virginia, made their home in Austin until 1950 when, following a second illness, they moved to San Antonio where better and more accessible medical care would be available. Purchasing a home at 227 Greenlawn Drive,



San Antonio, they were happily settled when the Last Call came. Having maintained his cheerful, courageous and uncomplaining attitude to the end, Dad departed from us on November 14th, 1951.

Dad married Virginia Bellew of Owensboro, Kentucky on April 17th, 1922. The Henley's life together was a happy one for over 28 years and they were blessed with four children whom Dad saw grow to manhood and womanhood. Surviving besides Virginia are: Son: Donald, Jr.,—Captain USAF; credited with nine German aircraft destroyed; decorated with the Distinguished Flying Cross—one cluster and Air Medal —eleven clusters. Grandson: *Donald* Christopher.

Daughter: Virginia—Mrs. Rex A. Smelser of Austin, Texas, and mother of granddaughter *Donna.*

Son: James—wounded at St. Lo as an 18 year old Sergeant. Having enlisted in the present emergency he is now a Tech. Sergeant awaiting discharge in May to complete his college education. Grandson: Mark *Donald.*

Son: Robert—the youngest child—now a student in his last year of pre-medicine at the University of Texas.

Dad's parents, the late Dr. (M.D.) and Mrs. A. A. Henley moved to Idaho from North Carolina several years before Dad entered the Military Academy in 1911. Dad has two sisters and two brothers, all living in California—Mrs. E. D. Roberts and Emmett A. Henley, Bakersfield—Mrs. A. O. Knutson, Beaumont, and Fred M. Henley, Wasco.

No graduate of West Point was ever more loyal to our Alma Mater than Dad Henley, USMA 1915 and no worthier son has ever joined the "Long Gray Line".

—*M. F. D.*

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John Will Coffey

NO. 5780 CLASS OF AUGUST 1917

KILLED IN A PLANE CRASH, MARCH 8, 1951, IN GERMANY, AGED 54 YEARS.

IN the afternoon of March 8, 1951, a call came to West Point from Heidelberg, Germany, bringing the shocking news that the Academy's beloved Professor of Ordnance had been killed in an airplane crash. In that sad blow of fate West Point lost a faithful son and his class one of its most distinguished members.

Jack was born in New York City on January 12, 1897, the third child of Thomas and Emma Coffey. His boyhood was spent in the city, with summer vacations in upper New Jersey. While in the country as a boy, he learned to hunt and fish and to enjoy the out-of-door type of life. His mother was a deeply religious woman and had a great influence on Jack. He grew up with an active interest in the church, and it was the minister of his church who encouraged him to try to enter the Military Academy. He won his appoinment in a competitive examination and entered West Point in 1914. His classmates all remember him as a cadet: the mentality that made it possible for him to maintain an excellent academic standing; the aptitude for military duties, which brought him high rank as a cadet officer; his ability as a baseball pitcher, which enabled him to win a major "A"; the high sense of duty and integrity, which earned for him the respect of both officers and cadets; and the cheerfulness of disposition and warmth of heart that made all of us love him. Before we left the Academy to go our separate ways, we elected him permanent class secretary-treasurer, a position which he filled with interest and devotion up to the time of his death.

As a young Coast Artillery officer Jack served at stations on both the east and west coasts. In 1921 he transferred to the Ordnance Department, the branch in which he was to achieve outstanding success. During the succeeding years he served at various Army stations in the United States and Panama. He completed the course for Ordnance officers at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and graduated from the Ordnance Institute of Technology, the Command and General Staff School, the Air Corps Tactical School, and the Army War College. He instructed at the Military Academy from 1924 to 1928, at the Ordnance School from 1933 to 1935, and at the Command and General Staff School from 1935 to 1939.

In 1941 Jack was on duty as a special observer in England, a member of the Cheney Mission. From 1942 to 1945 he served in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations, first, as Ordnance Officer, Atlantic Base Section, and later as Chief Ordnance Officer, Allied Force Headquarters. He was promoted to brigadier general in October 1943. After World War II he commanded the Letterkenny Ordnance Depot, one of the largest installations of its kind; and in May 1947 he was appointed Professor and Head of the Department of Ordnance at West Point. In early 1951 he was ordered to Germany on temporary duty, where he remained until the time of his death.

A study of Jack's official record makes one proud of his many accomplishments. His special talents and long experience made

him a splendid teacher and educator. His influence on the many classes that he taught at West Point, at Aberdeen, at Leavenworth, and at West Point again, will continue to be felt for years to come. Those of us who studied under him at the Command and General Staff College will always remember his breadth of knowledge and the clarity of his instruction. And it was during those years of study and teaching and thinking that he was making himself into an Ordnance Field Service expert and a logistics specialist of the highest order—all in preparation for the great responsibilities he was to have in World War II. His official record is filled with commendatory comments on his work and his ability as an officer. His chief at the Command and Staff College wrote: "Careful, accurate, resourceful, conscientious, intelligent, able, pleasing personality, superior value, superior qualifications". The Commandant of the Army War College said: "Cheerful, even disposition, patient, serious, good team worker . . . broad minded . . . original, independent thinker . . . imaginative. . ." General Larkin, chief of the SOS in the Mediterranean Theater, called him "outstanding". General

Handy, Commanding General, EUCOM, cabled his wife: "Your husband was performing a most valuable task for the European Command at the time of his death. His loss is keenly felt here as well as throughout the service". In reading through his record, one is impressed with the fact that every job he undertook seems to have been done better than anyone had a right to expect. The important task mentioned by General Handy was a high-level study that could be made only by a logistics expert. At the time of his death Jack was making a last field trip to collect information. Fortunately, the report had been almost completed and was in such form that full benefit could be gained from it. Thus Jack's last mission had been successfully completed.

The following resolution of the Academic Board shows the regard in which Jack was held by his colleagues at West Point, where he spent the last four years of his life:

ACADEMIC BOARD RESOLUTION
ADOPTED 24 MARCH 1951

In the death of Brigadier General John W. Coffey, Professor of Ordnance, the Academic Board of the United States Military Academy has lost a faithful colleague and friend.

Before his appointment as Professor of Ordnance, General Coffey had had a distinguished career in the Army. During World War II he served as Brigadier General and Chief Ordnance Officer in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations. His decorations included the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, and the Order of the British Empire.

As Head of the Department of Ordnance General Coffey was forward-looking and highly efficient. He was tireless in his efforts to adapt his course to current requirements. He emphasized basic principles and their application to weapons design and operation. As a member of the Academic Board and many of its committees, he was notable for his broad experience, good judgment, and friendly counsel. As one of the senior officers on the Post of West Point, he gave freely of his time and talents to many worthy causes.

Mindful of his long association with West Point and of his constructive work as a member of this body, the Academic Board gratefully records its appreciation of General Coffey's character and work by adopting the following resolution:

Be it *Resolved*, That we attest to the inspiration and cooperation which General Coffey brought to the deliberations of the Academic Board, and to the valuable services he rendered to West Point and to the United States Army.

It might seem that one leading such a busy life would have time for little else. But such was not the case. Jack's disposition was warm and gay. He loved to sing and dance and laugh. He always had great enthusiasm for everything he undertook—golf, fishing, hunting, and gardening. Wherever he was stationed and whatever he was doing, he always had time for any worth-while project. At Leavenworth it was the Boy Scouts and other worthy activities. At West Point it was the Fishing Club, the Golf Club, and the Post School. And thus it was at every post and station. It can be said of him, as it has been said of other great souls: "He lived so that no good cause should be without an advocate".

Jack was blessed with a happy home life, which began on May 18, 1921, when he and Loessa were married at Melrose Highlands, Massachusetts—while he was on duty at Watertown. From then on, for nearly 30 years, their home was the gathering place for classmates in the vicinity and a haven for those passing through. Loessa has probably long since lost count of the meals she cooked for itinerant classmates; but she never seemed to mind. It was always a delight to see Jack at home with Loessa and their three children. Johnny (Class of 1945), who was married to Miss Helen Henstien in 1951, is an Air Force officer. Loessa (Diddy), the older daughter, is the wife of Mr. Ralph B. Hunter. Mara is married to Major Thomas Q. Donaldson IV (Class of January, 1943).

Jack was a marvelous companion to his children. He taught John, Diddy, and Mara to ride, fish, hunt, and play golf. As a family, they enjoyed many delightful summer vacations in Minnesota and Maine.

Loessa has settled in the Washington area, at least for the time being, where she has an apartment at 1021 South Barton Street, Arlington, Va. Also surviving Jack are his mother, Mrs. Emma Coffey; a brother, Mr. Edwin Coffey; two sisters, Mrs. Ellen Bennet and Mrs. Gerard Vriens; and the two granddaughters, children of Mara and Major Donaldson.

Shortly after Jack's death Jules Schaefer sent Loessa a little verse which contains a thought that should be of some consolation to all of us:

"They never quite leave us, the loved ones who've passed
Through the shadows of death to the sunlight above—
A thousand sweet memories are holding them fast
To the places they blessed with their presence and love."

—*T. D. Stamps.*

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Paul Revere Carl

NO. 6501 CLASS OF 1919

DIED SEPTEMBER 10, 1951, AT PAULSBORO, NEW JERSEY, AGED 54 YEARS.

PAUL REVERE CARL, born April 12, 1897, at Williamstown, Pennsylvania, was the youngest of four children of Lincoln C. and Annie (Curtis) Carl. He graduated from Williamstown High School with high honors and later attended Millersville State Normal School prior to receiving an appointment to West Point in 1917.

Following his graduation from West Point, Lieutenant Carl served in the first World War until the Armistice was signed.

Shortly after returning to the United States, he married Miss Lyllian Evans Ossman of Newtown, Pennsylvania on December 27, 1919. His constant devotion to and pride in Mrs. Carl was a contributory factor in their completely happy life thereafter. They were indeed a couple who acted as one—always to the best interest of the other.

First Lieutenant Carl then served with the 45th Infantry in Manila, Philippine Islands until the time of his retirement due to physical disability in November 1922. He then returned to the United States and entered the educational field, teaching at Verona, New York, Ridley Township and Williamstown, Pa., and Collingswood and Audubon, New Jersey. While at Audubon in 1927, he suffered a broken neck, sustained in an automobile accident. In 1935 he was elevated from the ranks of teaching to become Supervising Principal of the Audubon Public Schools. He assumed and maintained a similar post at Paulsboro High School in New Jersey until the time of his death. He was a member of Phi Delta Kappa and had virtually completed all the necessary requirements for his Doctorate at Temple University in Philadelphia.

During World War II, after being rejected for active duty for physical reasons, he served as the head of the Local Draft Board No. 3 in Gloucester County. He did so with untiring devotion to duty and he rigorously followed the practice of always being on hand when the bus loads of inductees left the High School at 6:00 o'clock in the morning. His service with the Draft Board was as it should have been—decisions without compromise and precedent, yet with strict fairness and impartiality.

Late in 1947, while visiting his father at the Harrisburg Hospital, he suffered an acute heart attack from which he miraculously recovered. Paul had always led an active life and he was determined to pur-

sue it, despite repeated warnings from doctors and his loved ones that it was unwise. He gave freely of his time at the High School and shrugged off increasingly frequent but minor heart attacks until the fatal one. Paul died of coronary thrombosis at his home, 580 Delaware Street, Paulsboro, while preparing to go to school on September 10, 1951. He is survived by his mother, widow, brother and sister, and leaves three children; Paul R. Carl, Jr., of Woodbury, N. J., and two daughters, Carolyn Carl Bradley and Jean Roselyn Carl of Pitman and Paulsboro respectively. A military burial was conducted at the West Point Cemetery on September 13, 1951.

Prior to the burial service more than a thousand persons, some of them small children, paid their final respects to a man who was held in high esteem and respect by those who knew him.

Regardless of the job he assumed, Paul Carl was an able, dependable, conscientious and loyal person who knew no limit to meeting the requirements of his work. He was an ardent hunter and fisherman and spent many, many happy hours afield—always in company with his father, brother or son. Their pleasant memories of these many occasions will be forever cemented in this life and in the Life Beyond.

He was, most of all, a devoted family man and always was most sympathetic and understanding to the requests and needs of his wife, parents and children. He took a keen interest in their lives and what he earned was used to secure every possible advantage for his children's welfare. Much of his last year was spent with his infant grandchildren; granddaughter Carla and grandson Bobby, both of whom he worshipped.

Paul Carl had always expressed a desire to "die in the saddle", simply because he would never compromise with his heart condition to lead what he termed would be an empty, unwanted life. It is entirely fitting and just to say that those who loved him rejoice that though his life was foreshortened, he had already known all the measures of experience which made his life so rich, full and very worthwhile.

—*Paul R. Carl, Jr.*

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James Wilbur Mosteller, Jr.

NO. 7759 CLASS OF 1925

DIED JUNE 29, 1951, AT FORT MEADE, MARYLAND, AGED 49 YEARS.

JAMES WILBUR MOSTELLER, JR., son of James Wilbur and Della Florence Mosteller, was born in Rome, Georgia, June 16, 1902. His boyhood was spent in Rome and, after attending preparatory school at Marion Institute in Marion, Alabama, he entered West Point, by appointment from the Third District of Georgia, in July 1921.

Jimmie came to West Point with a clearly developed realization of what a rich privilege it was to become a member of the Long Gray Line. During the abrupt readjustments to life in Beast Barracks and throughout the trials and tribulations of Plebe year, his cheerful determination to meet every test, to weather every discouragement, and to play the game as it was designed to be played, gave many of his close associates the lift that was necessary to help them through the low spots in that critical period. Throughout his cadets days and all the years of his service, Jimmie never wavered from his deep reverence for West Point and his devotion to the principles and spirit nurtured there.

Though not distinguished for academic brilliance, or rare scholastic attainments, Jimmie maintained a position well up in the first half of his class with ease and without resort to the midnight oil, and he contributed materially to the efforts of some of his unenlightened classmates to stay on the "pro" side of the Academic Board. His activities and interests were balanced and broad, and bore the mark of his two most outstanding characteristics, his inherent interest in his fellowman and his spontaneous enthusiasm for life as he found it. Among other extra-curricula endeavors he contributed his talents to the Cadet Choir, the 100th Night Shows and Camp Illuminations, and gallantly bore the "Hop Manager's Burden" throughout his years at the Academy.

His youthful impressions of airplanes and flyers, formed through association with one of the Army's early aviation training camps located near his boyhood home, had awakened in Jimmie a romantic interest in aviation. During his earlier years at West Point he had no thought for any other service. This enthusiasm for the air would be especially pronounced after the painful completion of a long summer march under full pack when, actually suffering from weakened arches but smiling, he would opine: "It's downright foolish to think of fighting future wars a'foot or a'horse when your fighting could be just as effective from the upholster-

ed seat of a cockpit". However, sometime prior to graduation this first love was replaced by a more mature interest in the old Coast Artillery, the service in which he was originally commissioned. In selecting the service of his choice, I have no doubt that Jimmie gave due consideration to our then current belief that the Coast never fought-on-foot.

After graduation Jimmie served in a number of assignments with the Coast Artillery, both in the United States and on foreign stations, and in the fall of 1934 he accepted a detail to the Chemical Warfare Service, transferring to that service in 1937. His service with the Chemical Warfare Service included such assignments as Secretary of the Chemical Warfare School; instructor in chemical tactics at the Cavalry School; Chemical Officer, 5th Division; Training and Operations Division, Office of the Chief of Chemical Warfare; and Chemical Officer, III Corps. In the fall of 1947, Jimmie joined the Army Advisory Group in Nanking, China, as Senior Advisor in Supply and Procurement, and served in this capacity until the rapid deterioration of the situation in China forced the evacuation of American Military representation from the mainland. Coming from China to Japan in January 1949, he served with the Eighth Army as G-4 of IX Corps until his departure for the United States in January 1950. Upon his return to the United States he was assigned as Chemical Officer, Second Army, with station at Fort George G. Meade, Maryland, where he died June 29, 1951 after a protracted illness.

After many years of separation, I met Jimmie in Japan after his transfer from China. This was the same buoyant, cheerful, enthusiastic Jimmie of old, seasoned by the maturing experiences of the intervening years. However, there was strikingly apparent in his personality some deep, inner happiness and contentment that was new. This great joy was his devoted wife Ruth and their two fine children Mary and Jim. In the very short time it was my privilege to see them together, I realized that Jimmie had achieved one of life's most precious rewards in the love of his family. I am sure that his greatest happiness and contentment came to him in the latter years of his life through his family.

Jimmie Mosteller was a good soldier, a fine gentleman, a true friend of man, and a loving husband and father. His parting this life is a heartfelt loss to everyone who knew the warmth of his sympathetic and generous character. Though his fame may not be cast in letters of bronze his memory is forever enshrined in the hearts of those who loved him.

—*E. B. K.*, '25.

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Robert Franklin Tomlin

NO. 8402 CLASS OF 1928

DIED DECEMBER 23, 1951, AT GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA, AGED 48 YEARS.

ROBERT FRANKLIN TOMLIN, son of Robert Russell Tomlin and Mary Louise Glover, was born at Lakeland, Florida, October 7, 1903. He died at his home in Gainesville, Florida, December 23, 1951, as the result of an acute virus infection and a heart condition of some years' standing. He carried on with his teaching at the College of Law, University of Florida, until a few days before passing on to join those comrades who had preceded him.

Entering the Military Academy in 1924, Bob was graduated in 1928 and appointed a Second Lieutenant, Coast Artillery Corps, Regular Army. He then began a career of eighteen years of active duty followed by five years on the retired list.

Incidents of his military service are briefly sketched here. Bob first served with antiaircraft regiments at Fort Totten, N. Y. and at Fort Randolph, Canal Zone. Subsequent stations included Fort Barrancas, Florida, Fort Crockett, Texas, and Fort Kamehameha, Territory of Hawaii, where he eventually became the Commanding Officer of the 41st Coast Artillery. At Fort MacArthur, California, he commanded the 63d Coast Artillery and at the Antiaircraft Training Center, Fort Bliss, Texas, he was a staff officer with the 39th Coast Artillery.

Colonel Tomlin was graduated from the Coast Artillery School, Regular Course, in 1935; The Command and General Staff School in 1941; and the Naval War College in 1945.

Several weeks before "Pearl Harbor" Colonel Tomlin arrived in Bermuda for service with the Bermuda Base Command, U.S. Army. For two and one-half years he commanded the United States Army Coast Defenses and, for tactical purposes, also the British Coast Defenses. For most of this period he was also the Operations Officer of the base command.

He was Deputy Director in the Office of the Director of Supply Distribution Division, Headquarters Army Service Forces, Washington, D. C., during his last year of active duty.

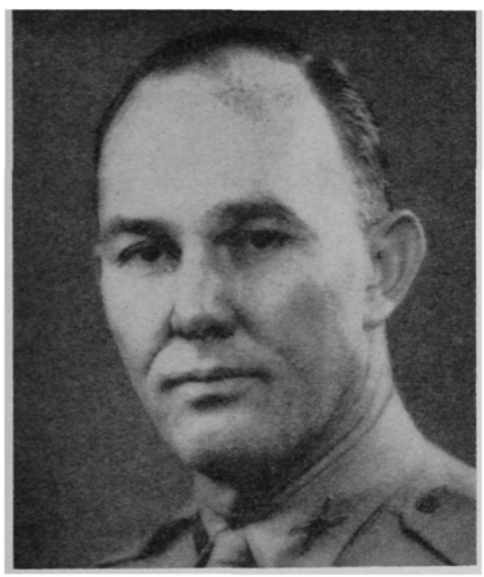
Bob was a big asset to the base command in the matter of joint defense planning and joint field training of the United States

Army forces and the British Army forces stationed in Bermuda.

Colonel Tomlin had much to do with the planning and the establishment of the Air Warning System for the Islands. I'm sure he must have realized much satisfaction in knowing that this warning system was instrumental in locating and guiding to safe landings more than twenty Allied planes, some of which in all probability would otherwise have been lost at sea.

Bob's personality and keen mind can well be sensed from the remarks of a Regular Army colonel with long service who, as the Inspector General from higher headquarters in the States, made the annual inspection of the base command. Accompanied by Colonel Tomlin he spent a day inspecting army defensive installations throughout the Islands. On returning he remarked to the effect that he liked Colonel Tomlin very much indeed; that he knew the technical and tactical reasons governing the siting of every defensive installation — that he never saw a better informed officer.

Bob was a fine rifle and pistol shot. He was fond of sports in general and for his recreation played golf and excelled as a tennis player. He and his wife Alison were frequently guests on the tennis courts at Government House. His love of sports was reflected in the training and high standing of the unit teams of his command.



For his services in Bermuda he was awarded the Legion of Merit.

While a member of the base command Bob was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel and later to Colonel, each in the Army of the United States. The home life of Bob and Alison was a happy one. It was indeed a large circle of friends who knew the warmth and friendly atmosphere of their home.

Bob loved the Service and looked forward to many years of active duty. At the time he was in process of being retired for physical disability he wrote to me that: "It's all quite a shock to me".

Soon after his retirement he entered the life insurance business with an old line company. He was successful from the beginning with this endeavor although he was not entirely happy with this work.

Before entering the Military Academy, Bob had almost completed the law course at the University of Florida. However, when the opportunity was presented for him to fulfill his ambition of long standing to enter the Academy he did so at once. Therefore, it was only natural that he should turn to law as a profession even though it would require two long years of intensive study. To this end he began the study of law in Washington, D. C. I saw him frequently in this period and well realized the handicap of failing health against which he struggled. Even so he finished number thirty-four in a class of two hundred thirty-three.

Bob then transferred to the University of Florida. The following letter dated January 29, 1952, is from the Dean, College of Law, at that University:

"Brig. General A. G. Strong, U.S.A. Ret.
"2301 Connecticut Ave., N.W.
"Washington 8, D. C.

"Dear General Strong:

"I have your letter of January 22. Colonel Tomlin attended Georgetown University (D.C.) for one year in 1947-48 and transferred to this college in the Fall of 1948, receiving his LL.B degree with Honors in September 1949. He was employed as Assistant in Research here during 1949-50, and was appointed to the faculty with rank of Assistant Professor of Law on September 1, 1950. He held this rank at the time of his death.

"Colonel Tomlin was making a valuable contribution here and his loss is felt by his many friends on our faculty.

"Sincerely yours,
"Henry A. Fenn,
Dean".

After his passing Colonel Tomlin's legal fraternity presented Mrs. Tomlin with a beautiful silver platter on which is inscribed:

"*To Colonel R. F. Tomlin, Brother, Teacher and Friend. Phi Delta Phi 1951.*"

These matters have been mentioned to show that even though this brilliant young officer's active military career was cut short by poor health he still utilized his indomitable will and fine mind to make a success of a new line of business and still later of a new profession—all within the brief period of five years.

Colonel Tomlin is survived by his widow, Mrs. Alison Tomlin, and three daughters: Mrs. J. C. Owens of Kansas City, Mo., and Alison and Robin, who are with their mother at Gainesville.

Funeral services were held in the Chapel at Fort Myer, Virginia. Burial was in the Arlington National Cemetery.

—*A. G. Strong.*

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Herbert Frank Batcheller

NO. 10413 CLASS OF 1935

KILLED IN ACTION, JUNE 7, 1944, IN FRANCE, AGED 34 YEARS.

HERBERT BATCHELLER was born 22 July 1909 at Hillyard, Washington (a suburb of Spokane). He attended grade and high schools in Kalispell, Montana, and Great Falls, Montana and entered the University of Washington (Engineering Course) in 1929 and attended the University for two years. In the summer of 1931, while on Kodiak Island, Alaska, with the Coast and Geodetic Survey, Herb was notified that he had been appointed to the United States Military Academy from Montana. He entered the Academy on 1 July 1931.

At the Academy, Herb was first assigned to 6th Company for the duration of Beast Barracks. It was during this period that he was nicknamed "Gator" by an Upper Classman, who said Herb's deep voice sounded like the call of a Florida bull alligator. At the completion of Beast Barracks, Herb became one of the best known and liked members of "L" Company for the remainder of his cadet service. Batch is probably best remembered for his ability to make a formation just a few seconds after the last note of assembly which, of course, resulted in spending considerable time "walking the area". He was also known for his thoroughness, and the *Howitzer* says of him, in part: "If it's worth doing, do it well; be it punching holes in paper, or giving alligator calls".

Herb graduated as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Infantry on 12 June 1935 and on 28 July 1935, while on graduation leave, was married in St. Michael's Cathedral, Boise, Idaho, to Sylvia Gardner of Boise, Idaho and Boston, Massachusetts.

In September 1935, Herb reported to the 16th Infantry at Fort Jay, N. Y., for temporary duty, prior to sailing for Puerto Rico in December 1935, where he was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 65th Infantry, at Henry Barracks. He was attached to "D" Company of the 65th when that company won the Howard Clark Machine Gunners Trophy in 1937. While in Puerto Rico, he helped prepare the first complete detailed contour map of the Island and a saddle in the hills south of Cayey was named after him. He also began flying while there and qualified for his private pilot's license. His oldest son, Robert Holton Batcheller was born in Santurce, Puerto Rico, on 20 July 1937.

In April 1938, Herb reported to Fort Benning and was attached to the Department of Experiment. While with this Department, he was a member of the 1st Test Platoon, doing special work which later resulted in the setting up of the parachute training center.

He was promoted to 1st Lieutenant on 12 June 1938, after which he attended and graduated from the Regular Infantry School Course, 1938-1939. Upon graduation, he was assigned to the 24th Infantry at Ft. Benning. While with the 24th, he bought a small plane and did a great deal of flying in his spare time. His youngest son, William Angus Batcheller, was born at Fort Benning, on 28 August 1939. He served as special aide and interpreter to the South American officers who visited Benning in the Fall of 1940. He was promoted to Captain, 9 September 1940.

On 16 March 1942, Herb was ordered to the Parachute School at Ft. Benning to take the training course. Having a broken coccyx at the time (the result of a motorcycle accident), he had to pad himself with sponge rubber so as to be able to get through jump training without the medicos finding out about the accident. He graduated from the course on 2 May 1942 as a qualified parachutist and was assigned to the 504th

Parachute Infantry as Battalion Commander of the 3rd Battalion.

Herb was assigned to the 505th Parachute Infantry (The Black Panther Regiment) upon its activation in May 1942. Immediately thereafter, he was placed in charge of a group of officers sent to Great Britain to study British Airborne methods. He worked with the British 1st Airborne Division while there and went on at least one commando raid with that unit.

In December 1942, Batch became Executive Officer of the 505th and was promoted to Lieut. Colonel on 22 December 1942. He went overseas with the 505th to Africa, Sicily and Italy, and made the first combat jump with that regiment on 9 July 1943, on Sicily. When Colonel Jim Gavin was promoted to Brigadier General, Herb became acting CO of the 505th and commanded it through the rest of the Italian campaign. In Naples, the officers of the regiment presented him with an inscribed silver cup in celebration of their entry into the city. Their regimental colors were the first to enter Naples.

During the Italian campaign, the regiment was attached to a British Division for a few days. This action was illustrated by a letter to his wife, as follows: "My combat team was just attached to British Armored Division for four or five days, but it was great sport while it lasted. We rode tanks forward in daylight and fought forward on foot at night, when the armor went into harbor. There were plenty of mines, booby traps, mortar and artillery fire, but the most exciting action was that which we had around the Command Post of my assault battalion in the wee hours one night. I had developed an infection in my right hand from brier scratches. Without much attention, my forearm started to ache, so I decided to go forward where I could keep in close touch with the situation and get a little medical attention at the same time. One company had pushed on the far side of a little village and we had gotten well set up on the near side with a CP in a little stone railway section hut. I had my fist in a basin of hot Epsom salts when the fireworks started. Apparently, the assault company had either done a poor job of clearing out the place or a German patrol had moved in on our flank. Anyway, the machine pistol bullets started to spatter on the outside of the building and then the machine gun tracers flashed through our area. I expected an enemy mortar or some artillery fire to register at any moment, but decided that would be no worse than being riddled by a machine pistol at short range, so continued to soak my paw until the Boche were forced to withdraw" For service during this period Herb received the Distinguished Service Order—one of two awarded to members of the 82nd Airborne Division during the war. The decoration was formally awarded on 8 February 1944, while the regiment was in England. Herb's services in Italy might well be summed up by a letter, dated 10 October 1943, which reads:

"Dear Colonel Batcheller:

"My warm congratulations to you and the troops under your command for their fine performance in action with the British forces in the recent operations.

"Sincerely,

"(Sgd) M. B. RIDGWAY,
Major General, U.S. Army
"Commanding"

Following the Italian Campaign, Herb's Division was transferred to England to participate in the Normandy Invasion. It was during this important action that his career was brought to a close. After his unit had successfully dropped behind the German beach defenses he was killed in action by a sniper in Normandy on 7 June 1944, and buried at Sainte Mere Eglise, Normandy. He was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart and the French Croix de Guerre with palm, 30 October 1945.

—*A Classmate.*

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Wilson Larzelere Burley, Jr.

NO. 10442 CLASS OF 1935

KILLED IN ACTION, DECEMBER 15, 1944, IN THE RHINELAND, GERMANY, AGED 32 YEARS.

WILSON LARZELERE BURLEY, JR., was born in Crooksville, Ohio, February 1, 1912, the son of Wilson L. and Blanche Burley. There

he spent his early years and attended the local schools. Evidencing an early interest in a military career he completed his preparation for West Point by attending Millard's Preparatory School in Washington, D. C. In July 1931 he entered the United States Military Academy as a cadet. There he became well known for his cheerfulness, hard work, and for his ever-willing attitude to help others. He graduated from West Point and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Infantry and assigned to duty at Fort Hayes, Columbus, Ohio, with the Tenth Infantry.

In December 1935 he was married to Bernice Anderson, and to this union was born two sons, Edward Burton and Wilson L., III. In 1938 Wilse went to the Philippines where he served with the Forty-fifth Infantry (Philippine Scouts) at Fort William McKinley and Camp John Hay until 1940. Wilse went to England in October 1944 and on 15 December 1944, while commanding the 2nd Battalion, 309th Infantry, 78th Infantry Division, was killed in action in the Rhineland. His death took from the Army and the country a brave officer who, throughout his service, was known for his superior ability and loyalty.

His Regimental Commander during World War II had this to say about Wilson Burley. "As you will recall we were junior officers together at Fort William McKinley, P. I. There, all of his contemporaries had great regard and respect for his professional ability and for his gentlemanly manner. Hence, you can understand my pleasure when he was assigned to my regiment. Many of my worries were relieved when he was assigned as Battalion Commander of the 2nd Battalion, 309th Infantry Regiment. Many of the troops were newly assigned and our sailing date to Europe was not far distant. In his characteristic fashion, he took hold and in short order he had a command in which I had great confidence. It was in early December of 1944 when Wilson Burley and his reinforced battalion were assigned a difficult mission. Enemy determined and aggressive resistance resulted in bitter and intense close fighting. Eye witnesses related the many times they saw their Commander in the very forward areas during the actual battle. Everywhere he lent his confidence as well as his ability to the attacking troops. Repeated assaults against strong enemy resistance were directed personally by Colonel Burley. Late in the second day of bitter fighting, he was killed while leading his troops in the attack. To me it was a great loss, both personally and professionally, but to his command it was a greater loss. It was during this battle that he won the Silver Star for gallantry in action. Truly, his superiors and subordinates may very appropriately lift out the line of the West Point Alma Mater and say—'Well done, be thou at peace'."

—*J. G. O.*

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James Thomas Milam

NO. 14234 CLASS OF 1944

KILLED IN ACTION, SEPTEMBER 5, 1950, IN KOREA, AGED 29 YEARS.

WHY is it that we wait until a man is gone before we praise him? If any of us had told Jim Milam that we admired him for his strength of character, determination, or absolute loyalty, he would have laughed and we would have been embarrassed. But it was as true while he was alive as it is now.

Jim was born December 18, 1920 in Prairie City, Illinois. Five years later he announced his intention of attending West Point and becoming an Army officer. It should have surprised no one that he accomplished what he set out to do. The years between he spent preparing himself mentally and physically. Being an Army brat he attended several schools, graduating from Grosse Point High School in Detroit, Michigan. Boxing, weight-lifting, and winning honors as a Boy Scout occupied his spare time.

In June 1940 he enlisted in the Regular Army for the purpose of attending the West Point Preparatory School. One year later he achieved his first goal when he received an appointment to the Military Academy.

The printed records do not show that Jim

was an outstanding cadet. That is only because the qualities that he had could not be reduced to statistics and put on paper. He had his own high standards of what an officer should be. Consequently, as a cadet

he substituted sincerity for pomposity and quiet efficiency for self praise. He was the kind of man who knew where he was going and would get there without licking a single boot.

Upon graduation Jim married Doris Doyle of Floral Park, New York, and no handsomer couple ever walked out of the Cadet Chapel. Together they reported to Fort Benning where he entered the Parachute Infantry School. In short order Jim was shipped to the E.T.O. and with the 82nd Airborne Division, participated in several major engagements. His awards in these actions included the Bronze Star.

Peace time service for Jim and Doris included occupation duty in Germany, the Parachute School at Fort Benning, and more foreign service in Japan. During this time three children were born: John D., James R., and Jerome D.

It was a sudden change in July 1950 from the soft life of occupation to the bitter fighting in Korea. Jim entered with the First Cavalry Division and saw continuous action until the time of his death. How well he led his command and gained their respect was shown by the large number of officers and men who made it a special point to visit Doris in Japan to express their sympathy and to praise Jim.

The actual circumstances leading up to his death are best described by the citation accompanying the Silver Star, awarded to Jim posthumously:

"Captain Milam, cited for gallantry in action September 5 near Waegwan, was a member of Company E, 7th Cavalry Regiment. Two infantry companies under Captain Milam's command were attacking a heavily defended enemy position. Enemy tank and small arms fire from an adjacent hill pinned down the majority of the leading company and scattered the rest. Captain Milam reorganized the scattered remnants and consolidating them with the supporting company, moved into position to place effective fire on the enemy. His outstanding leadership was so successful that the lead company was able to withdraw with a minimum of casualties. He then remained behind and covered withdrawal of the support company. As Captain Milam was leaving the area, the last to withdraw, he was killed."

If Jim had his life to live over it is doubtful that he would change it much. He picked out a way of life and made a success of it without ever deserting the principles for which he stood.

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Harrison Larkin

NO. 14756 CLASS OF 1945

KILLED IN A PLANE CRASH, APRIL 28, 1950, NEAR LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, VIRGINIA, AGED 25 YEARS.

ON the afternoon of 28 April 1950, the Air Force suffered the loss of one of its most popular and promising young officers. Lieut. Harrison Larkin, affectionately known to his multitude of friends as Sam, died at the controls of his F-84 jet fighter shortly after taking off from Langley AFB, Va. The circumstances surrounding Sam's death are still uncertain. As leader of an element of 84's, he took off from Langley into the haze and fog conditions around Langley for a return flight to Turner AFB, Ga. When his element failed to arrive at Turner, a search was begun. A fisherman found Sam on the following day in the waters of the Chesapeake Bay near Langley. Sam was buried in Arlington a few days later with eight of his classmates as honorary pallbearers.

Harry was born at Washington, D. C. on 19 January 1925. He led the life of a typical Army child, traveling with his family to Pittsburgh, Pa.; Fort Leavenworth; Mississippi; Montana; Washington, D. C.; Newport, R. I.; and Panama.

After graduating from Balboa High School, Canal Zone, he entered Georgetown University for one year in 1941. He received his appointment to West Point from Delaware and entered the Academy on 1 July 1942.

To those who knew him during our years at the Academy, Harry was respected as a very capable young man who did everything well. Loyalty was his outstanding attribute, and he was always ready with a helping hand in academics for those who asked assistance or were having difficulty. Sam's smile was as large as his heart and it was with that smile that he left West Point on Graduation Day, 5 June 1945, to pursue his career as an officer and pilot in the now United States Air Force.

After Sam received his wings at Stewart Field and graduated from West Point in June 1945, he entered a period of training in fighter aircraft. His great desire at the time was to complete his training as soon as possible and move into the Pacific war. But he faced the same turmoil that the majority of us faced after graduation. The

Armed Forces were demobilizing so fast that we sometimes barely reached a base before it was ordered closed and all training stopped.

Sam's first assignment was to Foster Field, Texas. There, with fifty odd members of his class, Sam received transition in the old P-40 and gunnery in the AT-6. Upon completion of the course at Foster, Sam was ordered to the Army Air Forces School of Applied Tactics at Orlando, Florida, to take the Junior Staff Officer's Course. It was at Orlando that he learned of the Japanese surrender.

Sam returned to Foster Field and flew 40's again for a short while. A transfer to Santa Ana, California, was preceded by a short leave in Washington. It was on this leave that Sam bought the 1945 version of the "One Horse Shay". He went into financial partnership with Bill Craig to purchase this mechanical marvel. After laying careful plans to pick up Bill in Omaha, Sam started out from Washington. He very nearly made it to Omaha before the car fell apart completely. This financial venture set them both back—particularly Craig, who never even got to drive it.

Sam wrote from Santa Ana: " . . The day we reported they told us that the P-38 course was closed. Two days ago 4th AF Hq came out with the poop that this base is closing as of 30 November. However, there are fifteen P-59's on the field and if all goes well we'll check out in them before we leave". These hopes were never realized as the gang there was transferred to Portland, Oregon. New hopes arose. There were many P-51H's on the field but the story was almost a repeat of the Santa Ana episode.

In December Sam was transferred to the AAF Overseas Replacement Depot at Salt Lake City, Utah. By Christmas there was quite a healthy representation of our class there—all Pacific bound. It wasn't until the following February that Sam left by troop train for San Francisco. After a short stay at Camp Stoneman, Sam, with over a hundred of his classmates, sailed on the USAT Admiral Hughes for Manila, arriving there on 22 February.

Sam's first assignment in the Philippines was with the 18th Fighter Group located on the lush, tropical island of Palawan. His six months there were among the happiest of his career. Sam lived in a tent in a large cocoanut grove on the shore of the Sulu Sea. Sam worked hard, flew hard and played hard on Palawan. I think he shared the distaste of the other members of the group, when they were transferred from their tropical paradise to the hot, dusty rice fields of Central Luzon. The 18th moved into a tent city at Florida Blanca and Sam took over full duties as Supply Officer of the 12th Fighter Squadron. While serving in this capacity, he was promoted to first lieutenant on 27 December 1946.

Sam rarely spent a weekend at Florida Blanca. He managed either to fly or jeep into Manila, Clark Field or Angeles every weekend. He took great delight in organizing Saturday night caravans to Tinio's Place in Angeles for the wonderful carabao steak they offered there. These trips really helped to break the monotony of duty at Florida Blanca.

In the spring of the following year, Sam closed out his supply account as the 18th was deactivated. In April Sam led a flight of 51's from the Philippines to Japan and remained there for assignment. He was ordered to the 8th Fighter Group based at Ashiya. When he reported to Major John L. Beck, 80th Fighter Squadron Commander, he was immediately assigned as "C" flight commander due to his past experience and ability. Sam spent one full year at Ashiya flying P-51's on occupation duty. This tour was interrupted only for one month when he went to Seoul, Korea, to fly border patrol. The officers and men of the 80th really loved Sam Larkin. He had the knack of making his associates realize more out of life by just being in his company.

In April of 1948 the long awaited port call arrived. The Japanese train system had its schedule completely disrupted the day Sam left Ashiya. The officers of the 8th Fighter Group turned out en masse to wish Sam a hearty "Bon Voyage". A tremendous celebration took place at Ongagawa Station which delayed the train for twenty minutes. The occasion warranted the delay, however, as it wasn't every day that Ashiya saw one of its favorite sons off for home.

Sam had a very leisurely voyage across the Pacific aboard the USAT Thomas Barry. After a short layover in Honolulu, Sam arrived in Seattle on 1 May. The majority of his sixty day leave was spent in California with his brother Tom. Sam concluded this leave by spending several days in Washington, D. C., with his parents, before reporting to Turner AFB, Georgia, for duty. His assignment there was as intelligence officer of the 31st Fighter Group. At Turner he had his first opportunity to fly the latest Air Force jet fighters.

In the fall Sam was ordered to Lowry AFB, Colorado, to attend the Intelligence Officer's Course. He returned to Turner and left again in the spring of 1949 to attend the Air Tactical School at Tyndall AFB, Fla. While attending this course, Sam met Miss Jeanne Gaines Outlaw of Asheville,

North Carolina, who was visiting relatives in Panama City. A wonderful summer courtship followed with Sam and Jeanne being married in the Base Chapel at Tyndall in October.

The Larkins had a short honeymoon on the Gulf Coast and then returned to Turner. There they were parted for a short time while Sam and the group went to Puerto Rico to participate in "Operation Portrex".

In the spring of 1950, the Armed Services held their largest combined maneuver—"Operation Swarmer" It was while participating in this maneuver that Sam met his death.

Colonel Earl H. Dunham, Sam's last CO, wrote to his parents—"We in this Group who daily worked with Harry grew to admire and respect him immensely. His cheerful manner, ready smile, soldierly attitude and professional ability were a few of his personal qualities that made him an asset to this organization as well as to the Armed Forces. I have always known him to be an outstanding officer in all respects and one who continually performed his tasks in a cheerful and efficient manner. Harry's background and experience contributed immeasurably to guiding the careers of the younger officers assigned to this Group and he has aided them on numerous occasions by setting examples of fine conduct and behavior. News of his death came as a profound shock to all of us and his loss will be deeply felt within this command".

Sam's twenty-five years were completely filled with fabulous exploits brought about by his zest for enthusiastic living. That his exploits are still being related and that he is still being quoted, is the perfect tribute to Sam. We who had the distinct privilege of knowing him will be forever impressed by our memory of Sam Larkin.

—*L. W. Lilley and W. B. Craig.*

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Arthur Henry Truxes, Jr.

NO. 15234 CLASS OF 1945

KILLED IN ACTION, NOVEMBER 30, 1950, IN KOREA, AGED 27 YEARS.

ASSESSING the life and deeds of a close friend imposes a fearful challenge upon one; for accuracy must not for the moment be compromised by careless sentiment. My task now is especially difficult because I so strongly feel that here was one of the finest men I have known—a friend and classmate who in every respect was an officer and gentleman—admired and liked by one and all.

With pride I write of Arthur Henry Truxes, Jr., USMA, Class of 1945, who was in every real sense a product of the Army. He was born into it while his father, a Colonel of Cavalry, was stationed at Fort Oglethorpe in 1923. His early life, typical of that of Army children, found him at various stations attending different schools, the last of which was the University of North Carolina.

By virtue of a principal appointment from Senator Gurney of South Dakota, Art entered the Military Academy on July 15, 1942. He easily adjusted himself to the system. In fact, without being indifferent, Art adapted himself rather casually to the Spartan way of life which is West Point. His manner was always relaxed and friendly. Nothing really ever worried him. Perhaps the disappointment of a drag not coming up for the 100th Night weekend or the accumulation of one too many demerits which prompted the cancellation of a weekend would upset his plans. But by and large Art took everything in stride.

Upperclassmen, classmates and plebes alike felt close to him. He was the type of man one would have liked for a brother. Often one would get the mistaken impression that he was reticent. It is quite true that at times he was quiet; however, he had strong, straightforward convictions which were not subject to compromise. For his genuine and pleasing manner, Art accumulated a host of friends from every segment of the Corps.

While at West Point Art captained the 1944 and 1945 cross-country teams. His being selected a captain of an athletic squad as a "yearling" is evidence of the high regard his teammates had for him. He was the heptagonal cross-country champion in 1943 and 1944. He was also outstanding in track at West Point. During his First Class year he won the two-mile event of the traditional Penn Relays which further enhanced his national reputation as a collegiate competitor in track and cross-country.

Art's cheerful character is best expressed by Charlie Cross (now also deceased) who wrote quite appropriately in the '45 Howitzer:

"Although he will always deny the fact —there's actually no denying that Art is about the best cross-country runner ever seen in these parts—good natured and affable this mortal mercury was ever ready

and able to peel the shirt off his back for a friend. Possessed of an enormous capacity to enjoy life and still get the most out of it, Art has warmed the hearts of all who knew this sterling southern gentleman. He certainly had the qualities of a fine officer."

Art was thoroughly devoted to West Point and its ideals. The Academy played a great part in his life from the moment he entered. Upon graduation he was commissioned in the Infantry and after a short course at Benning, he was soon performing rifle company occupational duties with the 6th and later with the 7th Infantry Divisions in the Philippines and Korea.

One of the highlights of his lifetime was to be chosen a member of the U.S. Army Pentathlon Squad. This selection prompted his recall in 1947 from Korea for duty at West Point. The Squad was to prepare for the 1948 Olympics. By diligent but unpretentious application, Art prepared himself for the national tryouts scheduled at West Point for June 1948. He became an outstanding horseman and a cool, reliable pistol shot. Running, quite naturally, was his strongest event.

During the tryouts he performed well in four of the events; however, he did poorly in the 4000 meter cross-country run. Because of a misunderstanding he ran more than the required distance. Had this misfortune, which prevented his selection, not occurred, it is felt he would have contributed considerable strength to the U.S. Olympic Squad that year.

He returned to the Far East Command and was honored in October 1948, with an assignment as a platoon leader in General MacArthur's Guard of Honor. His duties were performed so capably that he attracted the attention of General Doyle Hickey, Chief of Staff, FEC, and was appointed his aide-de-camp, in February 1949. This pleasant and interesting duty offered many opportunities for travel about Japan and provided him with a wealth of professional experience. Lt. Colonel H. B. Love who was closely associated with him, both officially and personally, at this time, wrote me as follows:

"Since I was also in the Chief of Staff's office, Art and I became golf partners and tried to play once a week. General MacArthur's twelve hours a day, seven days a week working schedule certainly would not permit any more than that!

"As the months passed, I got to know Art at work and at play. He was a wonderful athlete. In spite of this, he never displayed any conceit. Indeed, his easy, unaffected smile and manner made friends for him everywhere.

"He was exceptionally clean minded, and he had a boyish look about him which belied a mature sense of duty. When war broke out in June 1950, Art voluntarily left his relatively "soft" job as General Hickey's ADC in Tokyo to go to Korea as a front line Infantry Commander.

"He was one of my closest friends in Tokyo, and I was deeply shocked when I heard of his untimely death. The U.S. Army has lost a fine officer and gentleman."

It is interesting to note that at the outbreak of the Korean conflict, Art had orders reassigning him to West Point to prepare for the Pan-American games to be held in March of 1951; however, at his own request, these orders were rescinded and he then asked for relief as an aide-de-camp to join a combat unit in Korea. In September 1950, he departed from Japan and joined L Co., 7th Cav. Regt., 1st Cav. Div., in the field. On 17 October, he was promoted to the grade of Captain and was soon given command of F Co. of the same Regiment.

Colonel William A. Harris, his Regimental Commander, wrote me outlining the general situation of the regiment at the approximate time of Art's death:

"After a short rest and ceremony, in which all decorations awarded to that date were presented, and those of the regiment who had fallen in battle were honored, the 7th Cav. was again committed. During the closing portion of the above ceremony on Sunday, 25 November, the regiment was alerted to protect the Army east flank following a break-through in the II ROK Corps. The regiment moved quickly from the review field to the battlefield. This mission resulted in one of the fiercest battles of the campaign. A Chinese force spearheading the drive of a Chinese Corps (their term is Army) towards Unsan struck the 7th Cavalry on the night of 29-30 November. In a battle which raged throughout the night from 2000 to 0630 hours the regiment killed an estimated 500 Chinese with other casualties believed to be in proportion. Despite a penetration of 1500 yards, the regiment's counter attacking force repelled the enemy, restoring the line and giving the Eighth Army from 3 to 5 more precious days. This action was almost exclusively hand to hand combat with grenades, bayonet and point blank small arms fire. It was not without cost to the regiment and Art was part of that cost. He was commanding Fox Company, which bore the brunt of the major attack — he was with his forward platoon at the time he was killed—leading his men in the manner that he always had done since he joined the regiment. His example was an inspiration to his men and officers as

well as all who knew him. His men loved and respected him for what he was—a true son of his father and West Point.

"Art meant a great deal to me. I had been watching him since he gave up his safe life in Tokyo and volunteered for combat in Korea. He didn't have to but he felt that he must. He is one who truly gave his life for his country."

The detailed circumstances related to his death are furnished by Lt. Colonel John W. Callaway, who was, during that period, Art's Bn. Exec. O.:

"When Art reached the regimental perimeter (he brought up the rear of his company) it was almost dark and he and his executive officer, Dick Morton, went over the company positions for the night. (Lt. Morton had gone back earlier in the day and reconnoitered the company positions). After assuring himself that his men were bedded down, he went to the Company CP. A short time later supper arrived and carrying parties started out for the platoon positions. At about nine o'clock the carrying parties arrived from the platoon positions with supper for Art and his CP personnel. It should be mentioned that Art's CP was located a short distance from the main road and behind the right flank of his company. He was almost on the boundary between the 1st and 2d Battalions.

"A short time after supper, as Art and part of his CP personnel were preparing for bed, some shots were heard in the 1st Battalion sector. Within minutes after these shots were heard, the right flank of Art's company came under attack. While checking the situation, his CP was suddenly attacked and the few personnel around the CP were no match for the large enemy group. Art ordered his personnel to withdraw to a better place to maintain control of the company. It was during this movement that Art was shot by the enemy who had attacked his CP. He lived only a few seconds after being hit.

"The battle which lasted throughout the night was one of the sharpest encounters that the 7th Cavalry had with the enemy and many gallant soldiers lost their lives on that night. It is a night also that the Chinese will never forget, that is, those who lived to tell the tale. Their attack was stopped completely and the battlefield was littered with their dead. In one case, 77 enemy were shot at 75 yards distance from the Battalion CP, while marching down the road in a parade formation. The 8th Army Commander, General Walker, stated that the defense by the 7th Cavalry on the night of 29-30 November 1950 set the Chinese timetable back four or five days and assured the escape of the 8th Army from a possible encirclement.

"I mention the above to point out the importance of the battle in which Art was killed. The success of that defense was due to Art and other gallant soldiers who held against overwhelming odds.

"Art's death was a great shock to the officers in his battalion and to the men in his company. Although he had only been with us a short while, we had grown to love and respect him. It was the memory of Art and the other courageous soldiers like him which inspired those of us left behind to greater deeds of sacrifice for our country, our way of life and for our fellow comrades in the struggle for freedom in far away Korea."

When news of Art's death reached his numerous friends and admirers throughout the Army, tributes from many sources followed. In addition to those mentioned above, the following are a few:

Lt. R. L. Morton, his Company Executive Officer, in writing to Colonel and Mrs. Truxes on 27 December 1950, stated: ". . . I feel that Captain Truxes was the finest C.O. this Company has had out of the 18 Company Commanders we've had since landing in Korea on 22 July".

Major General Doyle O. Hickey, in a letter to Colonel and Mrs. Truxes on 19 December, 1950: "You know of course that Art served with me in the intimate capacity of Aide for quite a time. In addition to holding him in high professional esteem, I had a great personal fondness for him. His passing means for me the loss of a dear friend.

"It must be a great comfort to you to know that Art was the clean, highminded young man he was and that he never compromised his high moral standards. Also, I think it must be consoling to know that death came to him while performing his assigned missions in a highly efficient manner and while engaged in a struggle for the preservation of those principles which we of the free world must hold dearer than life itself if our way of life is to survive. Unfortunately, many of God's young noblemen, of whom Art was one, must make the supreme sacrifice in the course of that struggle."

From Douglas MacArthur, in a letter to Colonel and Mrs. Truxes, 23 December, 1950: "His undaunted courage, inspirational leadership, and devotion to duty will remain forever a shining symbol, not only in the hearts of those who knew him. His loss will be particularly felt here at General Headquarters where he rendered outstanding service over a considerable period of time, including several months as one of the officers of my Honor Guard and later as Aide-de-Camp to General Hickey".

For gallantry in action displayed in the vicinity of Hampo-ri on 13 October, 1950, Art was awarded the Silver Star. And for gallantry in action on 29 November and 30 November 1950, at the time of his death, Art was awarded an Oak Leaf Cluster to his Silver Star—both awards were posthumous.

As a demonstration of the high regard for him held by his men as well as his superiors, Art's Company was later assembled in the rear area and his Combat Infantryman's Badge was pinned on F Co's guidon in memory of its fallen commander.

Death interrupted at an early stage the career of an officer of great promise; yet, in the too few years that he lived, his record could hardly have reflected greater sacrifice, more devoted service, or higher ideals.

He believed in the great tradition of West Point with all his heart and exemplified it by his every action. Now we can be proud that he is a part of it. —*A Classmate.*

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Richard Henry Mealor

NO. 16036 CLASS OF 1946

DIED OCTOBER 27, 1950, IN KOREA, AGED 27 YEARS.

DICK entered West Point after two years at the University of Georgia and brought with him those personal qualities which made him a real friend to all who knew him. Good natured, easy to get along with, hard working, always ready to help a friend—that was Dick. He possessed the qualities which are necessary to make an officer and he liked to work with men.

Dick went to Fort Benning, Georgia, after graduation at West Point, and there married the former Anna Catherine Jones of Atlanta and Athens, Georgia. From Benning, Dick was sent to Korea for two years, and after returning to the United States he was stationed at Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D. C.

On October 23, 1949, a daughter, Sharon Marcia, was born to Dick and Cathy at Walter Reed General Hospital in Washington.

In September 1950, Dick was sent back overseas to Korea and there he died on October 27, 1950.

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One day in March 1949, Dick turned up in my apartment in Arlington, Virginia, for duty in Washington, and there began, what was for me, the warmest and most sincere friendship in my experience. I had known Dick only slightly before; a face during West Point days and an acquaintance at Fort Benning in 1947. It wasn't until we served together in the Third Infantry Regiment, and later in the same rifle company in Korea, that I realized my wealth in possessing his friendship.

To make friends quickly is an enviable attribute, but to make completely lasting friends is a mark of greatness. Dick's was a lasting friendship with all who learned to know him, and there were many.

Quick to discern between mediocrity and superiority, Dick was equally as alert to praise or criticize actions of subordinates or superiors. But with criticism and praise alike, there was always loyalty, complete and absolute.

Possessing a wide professional knowledge for a soldier of his experience, his initiative,

sound judgment, and keen grasp of the principles of leadership, made him an equally fine commander and staff officer.

Not a religious man, in the common use of the term, Dick's practice of Christian principles was absolute. He might have used profanity to explain, with his own personal conviction, to a subordinate one of the Ten Commandments.

An Infantryman, in the finest sense, Dick possessed all the unselfishness and devotion to cause required of a good doughboy. Without his knowledge he won the most coveted badge of an infantry soldier, the Combat Infantryman's Badge.

To his intimates, Dick was a faithful friend, to his superiors he was a fine, promising officer, and to his subordinates, a just and capable leader. —*Bob Lamb.*

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Donald Warner Stewart, Jr.

NO. 15477 CLASS OF 1946

DIED SEPTEMBER 4, 1951, AT NEWBURYPORT, MASSACHUSETTS, AGED 27 YEARS.

"Guide us, thy sons, aright,
Teach us by day, by night,
To keep thine honor bright,
For thee to fight."

HE kept that honor bright. Lieutenant Don Stewart kept his fighter plane in the

air for thirty minutes after it collided with another to avoid its crashing in the heavily populated area along the Massachusetts coastline. Not until it was out over the Atlantic Ocean did he bail out. He was struck by the disabled plane as he fell from it and was unconscious when he reached the water. Coast Guardsmen in a helicopter rescued him a few minutes after he hit the water, but he failed to respond to artificial respiration and died without regaining consciousness.

Donald Warner Stewart, Jr., was born December 22, 1923, in Lincoln, Nebraska, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Don W. Stewart, Sr. He attended the public schools in Lincoln, graduated from Lincoln High School in 1941, and entered the University of Nebraska College of Engineering in the fall of the same year. He pledged and was initiated into Beta Theta Pi, took an active part in chapter affairs during his two years at Nebraska and was named in the national magazine as one of the "Undergraduate Betas of Achievement". He received an appointment to the United States Military Academy in 1943 and left for West Point in June of that year. He graduated from the Military Academy in 1946 and, having successfully completed his pilot training, was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Army Air Corps.

Even as a little boy he loved to swim, and by the time he reached high school age he had already entered and won a number of local meets. He was a member of the high school, University of Nebraska and West Point swimming teams, and lettered in swimming. He loved a good time, too, and shared with the many friends of his school years his enthusiasm, sense of humor, and love of fun.

Following his graduation from "the Point", he married his high school sweetheart, Jean Guenzel, and together they went to Enid, Oklahoma, where Don was assigned to the 2518th Air Base Unit as a B-25 pilot. He was transferred in a few months to Smoky Hill Air Base, Salina, Kansas, for B-29 pilot training, and after a short tour of duty there, was selected to attend the Special Weapons School at Sandia Base, Albuquerque, New Mexico. He completed the course and was kept on as an instructor, receiving at Sandia his promotion to First Lieutenant.

After two years at Albuquerque, he decided to resign his commission and return to civilian life. His resignation was accepted, and in January 1950 he came back to Lincoln. He joined the sales staff of one of the city's leading business concerns, built and moved his wife and two children into a new house, and began to take an active part in local affairs. He found, though, that he could not escape the sense of duty to serve his country, and when the Nebraska Air National Guard's 173rd Fighter Squadron at Lincoln needed an Adjutant, he volunteered. In March 1951 he went with the squadron to Dow Air Force Base at Bangor, Maine.

For his work as Adjutant he drew praise from his fellow officers in the squadron and commendation from his superiors. As Adjutant he could have done less flying and spent more time with his family, who had followed him to Bangor. He felt, however, that his usefulness to his squadron would be greater with more training and experience as a fighter pilot; that this, coupled with his training and experience as a bomber pilot while in the regular Air Force and his administrative experience as Adjutant with the National Guard Squadron, was what he needed to make more complete his ability to serve. He volunteered for such additional training, completed much of it, and was participating in one of the final phases of that training at the time of his death on September 4, 1951.

Don's enthusiasm and love of life continued from his school years on into the years that followed. His cheerful disposition, warm and friendly nature, and marvelous sense of humor enriched the lives of the many friends with whom he shared them, and were a source of endless joy to his family.

Yet he was more than just a good time boy. His love of fun was tempered with a keenness of mind, an understanding of and respect for the feeling of others, a knowledge of right and wrong, a devotion to his ideals, and a deep and abiding faith. His years at West Point made a profound impression on him. He was proud of the Academy and of its tradition and ideals. He believed in its strict code of honor. The West Point Cadet Prayer, which he knew so well, was both a creed and a challenge, and he strove to make his life measure up to it.

This was the boy, the man, who climbed into the cockpit of his plane on September 4th, 1951 for a routine training flight. Flying in close formation with his supervisor, near Boston, the two planes collided. The other, damaged slightly, landed safely. Don, in radio contact with his own base and others, reported that he was using all his strength to keep his plane airborne, and that he would have to abandon it. His final message was: "I'm going to go now". The plane careening out of control as he left it, struck the right side of his body. His chute opened, the waiting Coast Guardsmen took him unconscious from the water a few minutes after he reached it and artificial respiration was applied. Don died soon after at Newburyport, Massachusetts, without regaining consciousness. He is survived by Jean and their two little children, by his parents, and by his two brothers.

What were his thoughts in those last minutes of his life? We do not know. One thing we do know: he remembered his fellow men below; he kept a crippled, almost uncontrollable plane in flight, perhaps at the cost of his own life, so that it would not crash on land where others might be hurt. Why? " that we may better maintain the honor of the Corps untarnished and unsullied, and acquit ourselves like men in our effort to realize the ideals of West Point in doing our duty to Thee and to our country. All of which we ask in the name of the Great Friend and Master of men."

In the funeral service at Lincoln the Rector said, " 'Greater love has no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.' Don gave all he had—his life. I wonder if that was in his thoughts, for his plane crashed not on land endangering other lives, but in the sea, alone, away from other people"

The ways of the Great Friend and Master in whom he believed are strange and beyond our comprehension. The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away. Why this young life, so needed, so full of promise, should end, we do not know. Why this noble soul, this joyous spirit, should be taken from us, we cannot understand. We can only be, and we are, thankful for the richness of the years he was with us on earth, for the joy and happiness he brought into our lives, for his unselfish devotion to duty and honor, and for the knowledge that we will someday meet again.

"And when our work is done,
Our course on earth is run,
May it be said, 'Well done,
Be thou at peace'.

E'er may that line of gray
Increase from day to day,
Live, serve, and die, we pray,
West Point, for thee."

—*His brother, John W. Stewart.*

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John Elliott Watkins

NO. 16723 CLASS OF 1948

KILLED IN A PLANE CRASH OCTOBER 16, 1950, NEAR HAEJU, KOREA, AGED 23 YEARS.

A LARGE "chunk" of the class of '48 went to the Far East in 1949. Air Force and Army classmates were scattered all over Japan—but not so far apart that they could not keep contact. Promotions to first lieutenant were coming through in 1949 and 1950, and the new rank and the strange country kept life moving at a fascinating pace.

John Elliott Watkins was stationed at Camp Woods, Kumamoto, Kyushu, Japan, the home of the 21st ("Gimlet") Regiment. The other regiments of the 24th Division were at Fukuoka, Kokura, and Beppu and the Air Force was nearby at Itazuke. Johnny's father and mother were stationed at Eta Jima. All the gang were welcome to visit them there, and plans had been made for a big home Christmas. But all plans were thwarted on the 25th day of June 1950 when the North Korean Peoples' Army swept across the 38th Parallel and stabbed toward Seoul. In a matter of hours, the scattered regiments of the 24th were gathered together as General Dean made preparations to stop thousands with his meager few hundred. Flown and shipped to Korea, they were committed, platoon and company at a time.

Johnny was an integral part of that magnificent display of courage. A platoon leader, he fought the desperate delaying action from Suwon through Pyongtaek, Chonan, Chochiwon, Taejon, Kumchon and Waegwan to the Pusan perimeter. Cut off at Taejon, John led the remnants of two companies through enemy lines and gave them the chance to fight on. Johnny, the Infantryman, tough and stubborn in war, who would be damned if he was going to move back any more, held and fought. These were the men who held the fingerhold on Korea, which contained two tiny airstrips and one port, the minimum requirement for staying in Korea. These were the men who held while the Communists stormed and the United Nations strove for a comeback.

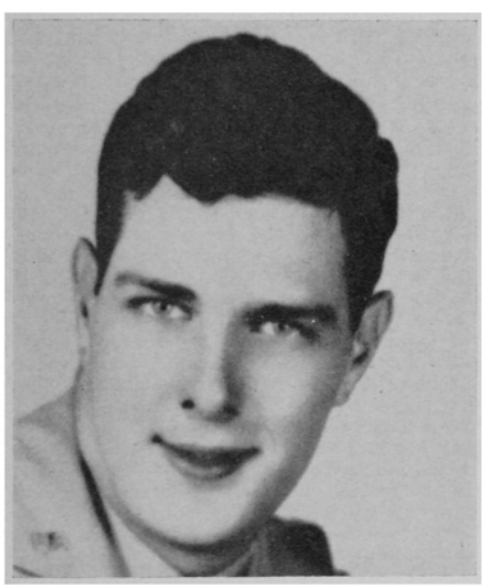
The Air-Ground Team worked as it had never worked before. "Fly Boys" were working on the ground with front line outfits, controlling fighter strikes in close support, while "Ground Boys" were riding as observers in Air Force T-6's spotting close support targets. Johnny was flying as observer in an L-17 during the bitter fighting around Haeju on 16 October 1950. The North Korean Peoples' Army was resisting the 24th Division with the superhuman efforts of des-

perate men seeking survival. John kept his plane in close to the target so that he could better direct the fighter aircraft strafing the enemy. In the wild melee of turning, diving airplanes, an F-51 turned into John's plane. He was killed in the mid-air collision.

John was born an Infantryman on 20 March 1927 at Fort Clayton, Panama Canal Zone. While growing up on Army posts, he learned to ride horses as other youngsters learn to ride bicycles and drive cars. A crack horseman, he and his mother won many silver cups and blue ribbons riding in pairs and jumping classes.

The Watkins family traveled the circuit of Army posts and returned to Fort Benning when John was a high-schooler. Graduating from Columbus High School in June 1943, he faced the problem all "Army Brats" face—trying to get an appointment to the Military Academy. "Sullys" was the next step in the competitive grind for a Presidential Appointment. It was on the 10th of July 1944 that a much excited Watkins family and a very calm John received word for John to report to USMA.

Johnnie was the ideal Flanker—tall, lanky and good-natured. Like his daddy, he was



in the "Company that followed the Corps". Academics were easy. Never any sweat, never any stars. The finest Easter Egg Hunt in the history of the "Lost Division" was organized and executed under the Watkins' eye. The stoops were ankle deep in water that Easter. And Johnny knew the meaning of "odd numbers post", too.

The last of the "horsey set" was still holding out at the Academy then. Horseback camping trips were one of the privileges extended to cadets in the spring. After the sound of "odd numbers post" had dimmed from his mind, John arranged a camping trip. Peace and quiet awaited those who rode far back into the hills. The fish were jumping when Watkins and company set up camp by the lake. What more could a routine-weary man desire? The soft munching of horses feeding on grass lulled the troops to sleep that night. Sunday morning, cool and bright, brought the realization that the home-loving steeds had shaken their halters and returned home.

Choice of branch at graduation was easy for John. He had been born an Infantryman. The "Queen of Battles" acquired a big new son as Johnny went out to do the job he had trained for and wanted to do. Branch School at Fort Benning was the stuff he wanted. This was the big league. Johnny sweated and would have worn stars if the Infantry School awarded them. He graduated near the top from the Infantry School. He was denied the opportunity to become a paratrooper because of an injured shoulder incurred in a jumping accident at the Academy. Tall and good-natured, John went straight to his first assignment, the 21st Infantry, Kumamoto, Japan.

Robert Browning said it so well in his "Epilogue to Asalondo":

"One who never turned his back but marched breast forward.
Never doubted clouds would break,
Never dreamed, though right were worsted, wrong would triumph,
Held we fall to rise, are baffled to fight better,
Sleep to wake"

—*Captain George S. Thomas.*

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Edward Ansel White

NO. 16550 CLASS OF 1948

KILLED IN ACTION, AUGUST 2, 1950, IN KOREA, AGED 24 YEARS.

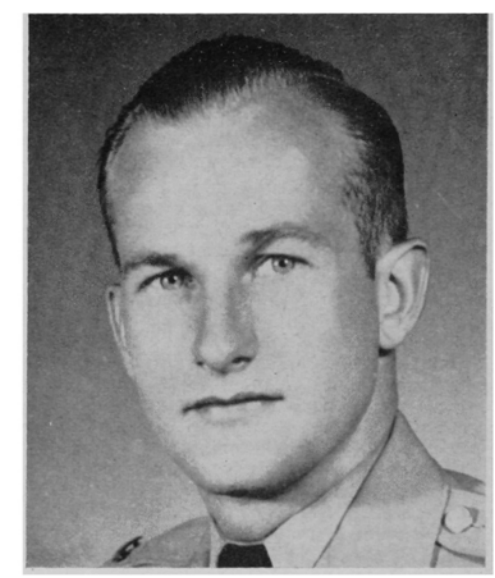
AMONG those who marched to Trophy Point to be sworn into the Corps of Cadets on 1 July 1944, was Edward Ansel White, to whom such a moment meant fulfillment of a cherished ambition—the first step toward achievement of a life long goal of becoming an officer in the United States Army. Born into an Army family, and living his early life in various Army Posts throughout the United States, Ed had ample opportunity to observe both the pleasant and the unpleasant aspects of a military career. Raised in the atmosphere and tradition of the Army, it is not unnatural that at an early age he determined to enter the Military Academy and seek a career in the military service.

Ed was born in Plattsburg, N. Y., on June 20, 1926. He attended various schools throughout the United States, graduating from Brown Military Academy in California. In July 1944, after studying one year at Georgia School of Technology, he entered the Military Academy with the class of 1948.

The qualities and characteristics that were to win devoted friends throughout the class were quickly noted by those who were in close association with him. He had a keen sense of humor that immediately became apparent and remained as one of his most prominent characteristics. His constant cheerful disposition communicated to those about him the same happy spirits. However, his natural levity did not make him oblivious to the more serious aspects of life at the Academy. His ambition, perspective, and true sense of value kept study and play in proper focus. Guided always by a sincere desire to prepare himself for the future, he applied himself diligently and enthusiastically to whatever he attempted. He took an active interest in all phases of cadet life. He was intensely interested in all athletics, excelling as a player in basketball, baseball and golf. He graduated, well liked, respected, and with a firm background for further military study and development.

The year after graduation, Ed followed the pattern of his class and attended the Ground General School at Fort Riley, Kansas, and then the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia. At both these schools, he applied himself thoroughly in his studies and in the classroom, further broadening and strengthening his military education. Again, his activities were not confined exclusively to his studies. After a pleasant blend of the serious and the social, he was married on 15 June 1949, immediately after graduation from the Infantry School, to Miss Barbara Miller, daughter of Brigadier General and Mrs. Maurice L. Miller. After the wedding, which was the climax to the events at Benning, the Infantry contingent of the Class of '48 separated and prepared for assignments to various overseas theaters. Ed and Barbara departed for the West Coast for a brief visit with Ed's parents, prior to his departure for the Far East.

In late July 1949, Ed sailed for Japan where he was assigned to Company "H" and later to Company "G" of the 5th Cavalry Regiment. His knowledge, interest and enthusiasm were now devoted to his men. His platoons were well trained and had high morale. His ability and sincerity instilled the respect and confidence of both superiors and subordinates. Shortly after the return of his Regiment from Fall Maneuvers in October 1949, Ed was selected as an instructor in a newly formed Division Leadership School. He assumed his new duties with his characteristic enthusiasm and vigor. He devoted much of his time to improving the quality of instruction at the school for which he received official commendation. His efforts were soon to be rewarded by the subsequent performance of his students on the battlefield.



Immediately after the outbreak of war in Korea on 25 June 1950, Ed was released from the Leadership School and assigned to Company "F", 5th Cavalry. The Regiment was quickly alerted, and on 12 July Ed's unit sailed for Pohangdong, Korea. On 18 July, his company landed and was hurried to Yongdong where it was immediately ordered into action. Thus within three weeks of the outbreak of hostilities, he was fighting with that small force of gallant men committed to the unequal task of slowing the enemy's advance to gain time for the assembling and equipping of sufficient troops to stop it entirely. After participating in very fierce combat in this initial action, his battalion was ordered to the vicinity of Kumchon and assigned the mission of covering the withdrawal of the remainder of the Division. On 2 August 1950, while leading his men in the execution of this mission, Edward Ansel White was killed in action. For his valiant conduct on the final battlefield, he has been posthumously awarded the Distinguished Service Cross.

The citation reads:

"First Lieutenant Edward A. White, 057152, Infantry, United States Army, a member of Company "F", 5th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division (Infantry), distinguished himself by extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy on 2 August 1950, near Kumchon, Korea. On 2 August 1950,

Lieutenant White was in command of an outpost comprising eleven men when an enemy force of two platoons launched a pre-dawn attack. In the face of overwhelming odds, Lieutenant White calmly withheld the order to fire until the enemy approached within twenty-five yards, then his outpost delivered such devastating fire from small arms and grenades, that thirty of the enemy were killed. During this action the outpost expended nearly all ammunition and Lieutenant White, although the road was swept by heavy machine gun fire, drove a jeep to the rear for more ammunition. Obtaining ammunition he started back through the concentrated enemy fire. During the return trip Lieutenant White was killed. The extraordinary heroism displayed by Lieutenant White on this occasion reflects the highest credit on himself and the military service. Entered the military service from California."

The following excerpt from Brigadier General Frank A. Allen, Assistant Division Commander, 1st Cavalry Division, to Edward's parents is quoted:

"Edward was among the first of the young officers in the 1st Cavalry Division to give their lives in the Korean action, but his death in battle served as an inspiration for all officers of the Division.

"His service in Japan with his regiment was outstanding and because of this he was selected as an instructor in the Division's Leadership School, which was functioning successfully when the 1st Cavalry Division was alerted for combat duty in Korea.

"The tactical situation was a fluid one, with hostile elements attacking our forces from all sides, surrounding, cutting off elements and threatening the integrity of our whole force.

"During one of the pre-dawn attacks of a strong enemy unit against the flank and rear of the 2d Battalion, 5th Cavalry, near Kumchon, Korea, Edward demonstrating the exceptional leadership qualities that made him conspicuous during his service, beat back several attacks with the fire from his platoon, and with complete disregard for his personal safety, directed the fire and actions of the men of his platoon. Later when reorganizing the platoon and distributing ammunition to resist the inevitable counterattack, he was killed in action. His devotion to duty and splendid example of leadership so inspired his men that they continued to overcome the enemy attack until the enemy withdrew. The action of Edward and his platoon was unquestionably one of the main reasons for the successful withdrawal of the battalion without serious loss.

"Edward gave his life that other elements of his regiment might survive and continue the action. He exemplified the finest traditions of the military profession."

Thus he joins the assembly of those whose deeds of valor have preserved and maintained this nation. With a military heritage and a sense of obligation to his country, he combined an aggressive spirit with a willing, loyal execution of orders even to the extent of great personal sacrifice. To those of us who knew and cherished his comradeship, his conduct in battle will serve as an inspiration and will further perpetuate his memory with us forever. We have lost a true friend; West Point has lost a gallant son; the Army has lost a courageous young leader whose brief career is indicative of the great promise that lay in the future. Edward was reburied with full military honors in Arlington National Cemetery on June 25, 1951.

The whole class joins in expressing sincerest condolences and sympathy to his wife, Barbara; his parents, Major General and Mrs. Charles H. White; and his brother, Colonel Charles H. White, Jr.

—L. D. C. and H. F. T. H., Jr.

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John Brandt Latimer

NO. 17331 CLASS OF 1949

KILLED IN AN AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT, AUGUST 22, 1951, NEAR ELMENDORF AIR FORCE BASE, FORT RICHARDSON, ALASKA, AGED 25 YEARS.

JOHN BRANDT LATIMER was born on August 13, 1926, in Washington, D. C., the youngest child of Roberts Edwin and Ida Jarboe Latimer.

His boyhood was spent in Washington and in nearby Montgomery County, Maryland. He was always a very friendly, sociable person and a great favorite with young and old.

As a youth he was an ardent gardener with a "green thumb", and took much pleasure in landscaping our country home in Burnt Mills Hills, transplanting trees and flowers for mass color effects.

John obtained his preliminary schooling in Washington and was graduated from Calvin Coolidge High School with honors. Having decided to follow his cousin, the late Major William J. Latimer, in a military

career, he prepared for West Point at the Bullis School. He received his appointment and entered the Point in 1945.

After graduation from West Point he enjoyed a good rest at home, visiting his many friends, and taking an air trip to Mexico.

John was then assigned to Army Schools at Fort Riley, Kansas, Fort Bliss, Texas, and then to Fort Sill, Oklahoma. In July 1950 he was assigned to duty with the 867th Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion at Elmendorf Air Base, Fort Richardson, Alaska. We are so thankful that a year later, in July 1951, he was given leave and was able to come home for ten days.

The many kind and sympathetic letters received by his family from John's Army friends have been a great consolation.

His Colonel wrote, "The Army has lost one who would have proven his mettle in all respects. Never did he lose sight of our motto at the Academy which has survived through many troubled decades. 'Duty, Honor and Country' was his to the end".

His Major wrote: "I consider John to have been one of the finest officers with whom I have ever served. His performance of duty, his willingness to do more than his share, his loyalty to his country and his fellow officers were of such high standard as to serve as an example to others. His friendships here were many. His personal charm, sincere friendliness and physical manliness won him friends wherever he was. His dealings with the enlisted men under him were such as to bring about a wholehearted response to his wishes and every man had a strong personal liking for him. He was in every respect a perfect example of a superior officer, gentleman, and personal friend".

John was buried with full military honors in Arlington National Cemetery on September 5, 1951.

John was devoted to his family and friends. His tragic death grieves us all. But in the minds of those who knew and loved him, he is just away.

—His Parents.

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Peter Howland Monfore

NO. 17651 CLASS OF 1950

KILLED IN ACTION, SEPTEMBER 19, 1951, IN KOREA, AGED 24 YEARS.

"THEIRS not to reason why, theirs but to do and die." On September 19, 1951, Bloody Heartbreak Ridge, Hill 851, Korea, Love Company Commander, Lt. Peter Howland Monfore, and many comrades of the 23rd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Division, met their death. These are the facts as told by the *one* surviving officer of Love Company.

"The morning of September 12, attack orders came. The Battalion was to cross the L.D. with 'H', 'I', 'K', and 'L' Company spearheading. Heartbreak Ridge was reached and we managed to fight our way up about two hundred yards before dark. On the days following this move, the push for Hill 851 started and the objective was almost reached. Peter was always up front with the assault platoon. He said the men liked to see their commanding officer around when the chips were down. The night of the 18th, Pete received orders for a night attack on 851. We moved through 'K' Co. at 10:00 PM o'clock and made our way right up on the hill. We dug in, everyone was so tired and happy. Four o'clock on the morning of the 19th, the Reds hit Love Company with two battalions. They cut off 'K' Company from us and soon had us completely surrounded. Peter had been reading his Bible. Sensing something was wrong, he put it down, picked up his carbine. As soon as we were out of our bunks we knew it was more than just a probing attack. The fight was overwhelming. We used up all our ammunition. Peter grabbed a BAR, then found a machine gun. The fighting became closer and bitter. We were surrounded. At about two PM o'clock I saw Pete coming toward me. An enemy burp gun got him in the chest, one bullet found his heart. Peter died very shortly, conscious all the time and very calm and cool. He smiled at me, tried, but couldn't speak. We put him on a litter, and I covered him with a blanket. I think he tried to tell me to take care of the remaining men. Finally 'K' and 'I' companies came up from behind and helped us to pull back. We, of Love Company, had only forty-four (44) men left out of one hundred and sixty-seven (167)."

"On October 12, Love Company was given the mission of retaking Hill 851. We took it. I am sure every man had Peter on his mind when we finally got up there. The battle of September 18th lasted fourteen hours. I have never seen Pete's equal in or out of the Army. Peter was a Christian man, and lived every minute of his life as such, always saying his daily prayers and blessing his 'C' rations whenever he ate, doing for others, constantly bringing hope and encouragement to his men and being very considerate and thoughtful. I shall never forget him as long as I live. The men are putting him in for the Congressional Medal of Honor. We hope he gets it. We all thought so much of him."

Thus, ended the short but full and glorious life of Lieut. Peter Howland Monfore, oldest of five children of Mr. and Mrs. Howland Swift Monfore of Springfield, South Dakota.

Peter was born in South Dakota on August 10, 1927. His childhood and early youth were spent in the ordinary activities of most boys. He was always a good student and very active in all school activities. He loved sports and participated and was a leader in them. Football was his great love.

Peter was baptized and confirmed in the Ascension Episcopal Church of Springfield, South Dakota.

After attending school at Springfield and Tyndall, South Dakota, Peter progressed to graduation with honors from Washington High School, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and immediately enlisted in the Navy, where he remained until 1946, when he received a letter from the Secretary of War, notifying him of an appointment to the United States Military Academy.

After much deliberation, he decided to accept and was given an honorable discharge from the Navy and entered West Point July 1st, 1946.

While taking Naval training at the University of Wisconsin, Pete became interested in boxing and under the splendid coaching of DeWitt Portal, John Walsh, and Julius Memendez, he became very proficient, receiving the Best Contenders trophy award. He followed this sport at U.S.M.A. and Peter "The Rock", as he was affectionately called, went on to Captain the Army boxing team, and to make many splendid NCAA showings, and to win the Eastern Intercollegiate light-heavy weight title championship for two successive years, 1949 and 1950.

Peter's character expanded and increased in strength, and he became a proud and worthy cadet, meeting and encountering the new ways of life, with a serious and business-like attitude. He truly abided by the West Point code of "Duty, Honor, Country", but added to it, love of God.

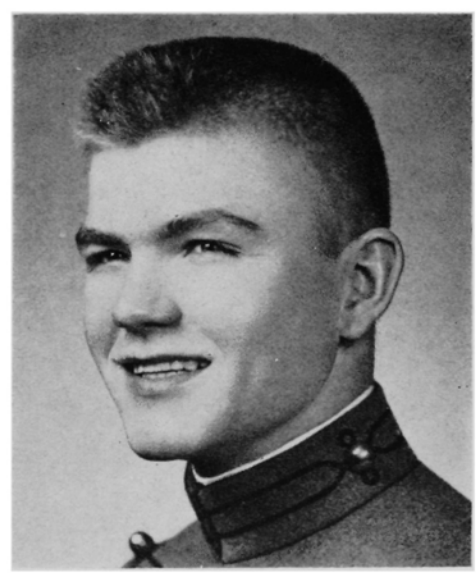
Peter was well known and respected by the cadets, and was a bulwark to which any in need could turn; perhaps this is made clearer by the facts that he was chosen a member of the Honor Committee and Cadet C O. of "E-2" Company, besides remaining well up in his class scholastically, teaching Sunday School, playing football and boxing. Peter was a good student, a Christian, a fine athlete, a capable leader, and an outstanding cadet, but he was never too busy to help. He was admired and loved by all who knew or came in contact with him, and they were many, for when the news of his tragic death became known, hundreds of letters of sympathy, praise and comfort came pouring in from all over the nation and abroad. We marveled at how many had been affected by his personality, unselfishness, kindness, helpfulness, sportsmanship, leadership, honesty, integrity, thoughtfulness, love of God, and love for his fellowmen, which were all displayed with modesty and humility.

Peter developed and devoted much time to growth in spirit. He adopted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior and wished for all his friends to find his own firm belief and comfort in the knowledge of God, wherein lies our salvation. The will of God was of great importance to Pete. He was active in many religious groups and was constantly trying to give others the strength and comfort received from his belief.

Peter chose for his tour of duty the Far East Command, feeling that there with the Infantry he could best serve his Lord and country. Following graduation from U.S.M.A. in June 1950, he spent a few weeks among friends and at home. In August 1950, with his spiritual and military background so fresh and new, he was shipped to the battle fields of Korea. In three days he received his first wounds while leading a platoon. After three weeks' hospitalization and convalescence he returned to the 23rd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Division, and served with it in various capacities, such as platoon leader, regimental liaison officer, etc. Twice he turned down opportunities to become "General's Aide". That was not for him. He wanted to be with the front line men. Finally, he was given Love Company to command. Now he was supremely happy. He said, "It is the best job in the whole Army". He was ever looking after, not only the physical needs but the spiritual needs of his men.

Peter was a member of the Christian Military Men's Committee, and their first member to be killed. This is the spiritual report of his life as written by a member:

"Several months previous to his death, Lieut. Monfore had sent us the names of his friends and military associates who were either unsaved or needing the Lord Jesus Christ, or Christians in need of spiritual encouragement. From that time on a regular prayer program for the men has been begun and Gospel messages designed to meet their individual needs sent to them, that witness shall result in their salvation. 'For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth unto himself, for whether we live, we live unto the Lord and whether we die,



we die unto the Lord, whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lords.' Romans 14:7-8. The eternal truth of this statement of God's word is beautifully illustrated in the life and death of Lieut. Peter Howland Monfore. How gloriously true are God's words, 'He being dead, yet speaketh.'

"Peter was courageous. He was awarded a French medal and citation by General Monclar, Commander of the French U.N. forces, for great courage, in spite of fierce enemy cross fire in rescuing a French battalion which had been surrounded by the enemy".

Great comfort and pride were found in these excerpts from letters which paid tribute to his character:

"My loss could not have been greater had it been my own family. As fine a man as ever walked the face of the earth. What a fiercely precious thing this freedom must be when it is bought and paid for with the lives of young men such as Pete. May God give us the sense of values to appreciate what it means."

"I cannot think of any boy that has left the impression that Pete left with me. I can't count the times that I have talked to my friends and boys in my classes about him. Peter was the model athlete. When you meet a boy in athletics or physical education like Pete, then you know you are in the right business. I shall always try to develop the fine qualities Peter possessed."

"Your boy was certainly as fine a soldier as West Point has ever produced. He lived up to every part of, 'Duty, Honor, Country'. Among all the fine men we lost in this grinding battle, it is hard to say who could be the hardest to lose, but Pete had every attribute of greatness, and was potentially one of the Army's bright young stars. For several hours we couldn't believe he was really gone, and kept praying for his return. As a soldier there is little in war to recommend itself to me. The only recompense is in the sense of duty performed for our country, and the great comradeship and respect engendered for our fighting brothers. Ernie Pyle could have written of this battle and your son. I cannot. We of the 23rd Infantry share your grief and participate in your fierce pride."

"Peter was an exceptionally fine young officer and was on my staff until he took over Love Company in August, and he immediately established it as a top outfit. The night preceding his death he executed a brilliant attack on a dominant hill on Heartbreak Ridge of unparalleled success and daring. We all predicted a shining future for your son and his men had a deep affection for him. Only a few days before I signed a recommendation for his promotion to Captain. We are asking one of the country's highest awards for your son, the highest decoration our Government can give."

"Pete was one of my best friends. I felt it a genuine privilege to have been his friend and feel that I am a better man today for having known him. Pete had many friends, probably as many as any man that ever graduated from the Point. Ours was a special friendship, a little stronger than ordinary. Peter and I had a common understanding of each other. I understood his religious views, his strict adherence to physical conditioning, his unflinching honesty. I respected him for it and he knew it. He never failed to make me laugh when I was down. The news of Pete's death left me more stunned and grieved than I have ever been in my entire life. I last had seen Peter in Korea in April, 1951, near the little town of Hong Chon. He hadn't changed a bit, but looked like he did when he entered the boxing ring, grim and ready for the job ahead, yet ready with a smile."

"As a member of my battalion, Pete, as he was affectionately called, was highly respected and beloved by all the officers and men of the unit. He was an outstanding officer, considerate, kind, gentle, yet firm. His regular attendance at church service was an indication of his true character in his spirit of love of God. This was a form of his duty, and with Pete the word duty was but another name for the will of the Almighty and to perform this was the sole aim of his life. News of his death stunned every member of this unit, and his loss will be felt keenly in the organization."

These are just a few of the many, many tributes paid to Lieut Peter Howland Monfore, no longer present on this earth.

We who survive him are proud to look back on his accomplishments and let them be examples which he set forth to serve us and inspire us in our attempt to fulfill the tasks that he would have completed. Pete met death pridefully and manfully in the service of his country, and with faith in his devotion to duty and in defense of all that we and the free people of the world hold most dear. Let us hope that it has helped us on the long hard road by which we may expect to reach a just, honorable, and enduring peace.

—The Monfore Family.